



## KitKat's Korner

The Camp Kirby summer has come to an end! The last verse of "Junky Chevrolet" has been sung, the platform tents have been disassembled, program areas packed away, and our campers and staff have headed home.

This summer we welcomed 746 overnight campers and 208 day campers over seven sessions. We also had 32 CITs, over 50 alumni campers, and 60+ staff and volunteers. Everyone embraced the camp experience fully as they stepped away from home and their normal comforts. We all learned to navigate a new environment, new ways of doing things, new people, new challenges, and new fun. It was tough at times, but it was also beautiful and magical as only a summer at Kirby can be! As I reflect at the end of each summer I am so proud of everyone involved in the Camp Kirby family, and I am so grateful to be a part of it.

We will spend the next couple of months debriefing and planning, and then before we know it we will be opening camp registration for next year! Make sure to check out the October Gazette for the 2025 dates and themes! This is goodnight but not goodbye.

**Kathryn "KitKat" Deshaies**  
*Executive Camp Director*

Enjoy some of our favorite photos from the summer sprinkled throughout this email! 📷🌲🌊☀️





# Camptoberfest

*a fundraiser supporting Camp Kirby*

**Friday, September 27  
6-8pm**

One of our favorite fundraisers of the year is right around the corner! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for Camptoberfest on Friday, September 27. We will serve a traditional German-style meal along with a great selection of drinks.

This is a wonderful event to bring along some family or friends! Check out the Facebook event link for more details.

Camptoberfest 2024



## A Note from Gopher

At the end of my first full summer camp season, I am filled with gratitude! I'm thankful for KitKat and our amazing summer leadership team, I'm thankful for our entire camp staff and their dedication to our campers, and I'm thankful to all our camper families for entrusting us with the care and development of their children.

One of my goals for this summer was for me and our Board of Directors to get an up-close experience of a Kirby summer. Throughout the summer, each Board member came to Camp Kirby for a site visit, where KitKat and I had a chance to walk them around camp. Board members got to meet camp staff, see our programs in action, and experience the joy and magic that only a summer at Kirby can bring. Thank you to our Board members for making time for these visits in their busy schedules, and thank you to all the camp staff for being such gracious hosts!

As we enter into this next season, I'm also thankful for all of you reading this message. Thank you for your support of Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby, and for enabling us to do the amazing work we get to do!

**Marcus "Gopher" Roskamp**  
*Executive Director*



## Sponsorship Opportunity

We have launched a Corporate Sponsorship Program for Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby! It is our hope to build strong partnerships with businesses in our community who want to have an impact on young people.

If your workplace or business would be interested in becoming a sponsor, please check out the link below. This is a great way to support Camp and for a business to demonstrate that they care about kids!

You can reach out to Marcus ([marcus@campfiresamish.org](mailto:marcus@campfiresamish.org)) with any questions you might have.

[Corporate Sponsorship](#)

# *Camp Kirby Fall Work Party*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 10AM - 4PM



## **Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors!**

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## Mission

We inspire and empower all youth to discover their spark, connect with others, develop leadership skills, build character, and thrive in the natural world.

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