

THE GAZETTE



KitKat's Korner

The seasons are changing, and the wait is over—2025 summer camp dates and themes are here! Whether your child is dreaming of adventurous dino digs, whimsical Wonderland adventures, or dazzling Hollywood glamour, we've got the perfect session for them.

CAMP KIRBY THEMES **2025**

Wild Wild West

June 29 - July 5 (4th - 12th graders)

Saddle up and get ready for a rip-roaring adventure at our Wild, Wild West session! With adventure around every corner and new friendships to be made, this session is the perfect place for young pioneers to create unforgettable memories.

Hollywood Glam

July 6 - July 12 (2nd- 12th graders)

Step into the spotlight and sparkle like a star at our Hollywood Glam session! You can live out your glitzy Hollywood dreams, and channel your inner diva or heartthrob in our talent show!

Jurassic Kirby

July 13 - July 19 (2nd - 9th graders)

We'll embark on a prehistoric adventure where the age of dinosaurs comes roaring back to life! Budding paleontologists will unite in the excitement and mystery of the dinosaur era. Get ready to roar, explore, and have a dino-mite time!

Cats Vs. Dogs

July 20 - July 23 (Kindergarten - 7th graders)

Paws up and whiskers out for the ultimate showdown at our Cats vs. Dogs mini-session! We'll celebrate the playful rivalry between our favorite furry friends with a camp experience packed full of fun and games!

Bug's Life

July 27 - August 2 (2nd - 9th graders)

Get ready to dive into a tiny world of big adventures at our Bug's Life session! Camp will transform into an enchanting insect habitat where campers can explore, discover, and celebrate the fascinating world of bugs.

Kirby in Wonderland

August 3 - August 9 (2nd - 9th graders)

Step through the looking glass and into a world of whimsy and wonder during our Kirby in Wonderland session! We invite you to explore a fantastical world where imagination knows no bounds.

Holiday Hullabaloo

August 10 - August 16 (2nd- 12th graders)

This session we will celebrate all your favorite holidays (and some lesser-known ones too) in one unforgettable week! It feels only fitting that this session kicks off on August 10th... Which is National S'mores Day!

Registration for Overnight Camp will open at 9AM on November 1st. Day Camp, Alumni Camp, and Family Camp registration will open at 9AM on January 2nd. Camp Kirby Day Camp is offered for campers entering Kindergarten-6th grade, and runs Monday-Thursday of each session listed above.

Spaces fill up quickly, so be sure to register early to guarantee your place in a summer packed with unforgettable memories and incredible experiences. This year, our amazing Registrar, Cheyanne, will be here to assist you during the registration process. Many of you may know her as "Munchlax" one of our Assistant Camp

Directors in the summer. Make sure to check out her introduction down below!

In addition to camp registration, applications for CITs and Staff will also open this fall. Our Counselor-in-Training application will open on November 1st, and applications are due by February 1st. Camp Staff Applications will open December 1st and will remain open until positions are filled. We are already busy working on summer 2025, and we can't wait to share our exciting plans with you over the coming months!

Kathryn "KitKat" Deshaies
Executive Camp Director

[Overnight Camp Info](#)

[Day Camp Info](#)



[Sign up here!](#)

A Note from Gopher

Camp Fire Samish was invited by the [Skagit Community Foundation](#) to participate in their annual "Celebration of Skagit Philanthropy" event. Each year the Foundation chooses 14 nonprofits to set up an informational table and to mix and mingle with some of the Foundation's donors.



Kathryn and I attended this event on September 26, and had a great time! We got to share the great work happening with young people at Camp Fire Samish, and even ran into a few Camp Kirby alumni! It was also inspiring to get to know other local nonprofits and hear about the impact they are having in Skagit County.



Thank you to the Skagit Community Foundation for inviting us to be part of this event!



Marcus "Gopher" Roskamp
Executive Director

Meet Our New Staff!



Cheyenne "Munchlax" Bennett | Registrar

Cheyenne Bennett has been a member of Camp Fire Samish for over 20 years. Her family joined as Camp Fire Club members in 2004, participating in Kirby camporees and seasonal volunteer events. Cheyenne's passion for Camp Kirby led her to join our CIT program and dedicate her summers each year to creating fun and unique experiences for kids like her. Since 2015 she has fulfilled various roles such as Cabin Counselor, Program Staff, Kitchen Staff, and most recently one of our Assistant Camp Directors. Cheyenne graduated from Western Washington University in 2019 and worked in the campus bakery for many years, finding a passion for baking. Outside of camp she spends time gardening, walking with her cat Greta, and playing Dungeons and Dragons with friends and family.



Joey "Lapis" Cisneros | Marketing & Social Media Manager

Joey grew up in Skagit Valley, Washington. As a kid he enjoyed spending time hiking and camping in the North Cascades, playing sports and video games with his friends, and drawing. Joey is very excited to continue working with Camp Kirby and Camp Fire Samish, he never attended Camp Kirby but fell in love with it after being the Camp Photographer in 2022, and returned as Program Staff in 2023, and 2024. Joey graduated from the University of Idaho in 2023 with a BS in Virtual Technology & Design and a minor in Art. Outside of camp Joey enjoys spending time in nature, creating works of art, gaming, and spending time with his friends.

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) with any questions you might have.

Corporate Sponsorship

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors!

Please support these businesses who support Camp Fire Samish & Camp Kirby!



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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