



WoHeLo News

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Work Weekend at Camp Wyandot

April 28 & 29, 2012
Come help get Camp Wyandot ready for camp this summer. Any kind of help is appreciated! Bring your family and friends for a nice spring weekend in the Hocking Hills! There is no cost to attend but you will be working. Please go to our website to register or call the office.

Annual Camp Fire Alumni Flower Sale

Beautify your garden and help send a child to camp that could not go otherwise.
Deadline to order is Wednesday, April 11.
All proceeds will be used to help send children to Camp Wyandot. Please see enclosed order form or call the office.

MEET LINDSEY CHRIST

We welcome our new part-time Executive Director, Lindsey Christ. Lindsey started with us in December 2011. She has a BS in Environmental Studies from UNC Asheville, a Masters in Ecology/ Entomology from the University of Florida, and over 15 years of experience working for various non-profits. She has environmental education programming experience writing curriculum, teaching students from middle school up through college, training teachers, and working in the outdoors as a naturalist. She was the Executive Director for Keep Franklin County Beautiful, Inc. for nearly 4 years and owned and operated a successful retail business in Grandview Heights for 4 years. With a passion for the environment and exposing children to the wonders of nature, she is excited to work with Camp Fire. We are happy to have her join our Camp Fire family and are looking forward to a great year in 2012!

CAMP WYANDOT & CAMP OTONWE OPEN HOUSE APRIL 29

Summer Fun and Friendships in the Great Outdoors
“Oh mom, I never imagined that a place like this really existed, I thought it only existed in the movies!” from a 12 year-old camper after visiting Camp Wyandot for the first time.
Camp Wyandot, our resident camp in the Hocking Hills, and Camp Otonwe, our day camp at Highbanks Metro Parks, are now taking registrations. Both camps are open to boys and

girls. You do not need to be a member of Camp Fire to attend. Do you know of a child who is camp age? Please invite them to attend one of our remaining open houses at neighborhood libraries or our open houses at our camps. For more information, please go to our website or call the office.

Bexley Library, 5:30-6:30 PM,
Tuesday April 10, 2441 E.
Main St., Bexley 43209

Hilliard Library, 5:30-6:30 PM,
Tuesday April 17,
4772 Cemetery Rd., Hilliard
43026

Camp Wyandot Open House,
at camp, April 29, 2-5 PM

Camp Otonwe Open House,
Highbanks Metro Parks. Drag-
onfly Day Camp site, entrance
off State Route 750 (Powell
Road), April 29, 3-6 PM

CAMP WYANDOT DIRECTOR SELECTED FOR 2012

While we are sorry that Betty (Blondie) Heffernan is unable to come back this year for a second season as the director, we are delighted to have found a suitable replacement. For those who have been around for a while, the name Connie (Luigi) Coutellier should not be an unfamiliar name. Connie was the camp director at Camp Wyandot in the late 60's. She went on to direct other Camp Fire camps around the country before being hired by the National Office. She has worked at the American Camp Association (ACA) and is well versed in risk management and camp programming. After semi-retiring last year, she has been doing some consulting work for Camp Fire USA, ACA, and California 4-H. We are excited to have her back and think she will be a great asset this year! Welcome home Luigi!

From Blondie:

It was my privilege to work as Camp Director at Camp Wyandot this past year. I loved being at Wyandot all summer. I had hoped to be there for several summers but I have some family complications that make it impossible for me to be there this summer. I have every confidence in Connie Coutellier. I know she has much to offer Camp Wyandot. I look forward to being able to one day return as Camp Director.
WL,
Blondie (Betty Heffernan)

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS AT CAMP WYANDOT AND A MAJOR GIFT FROM SUSAN BUTTERMORE

Our aging sewage waste system is being replaced. The new system will be in complete compliance with EPA regulations. Last summer, the water tank on the advanced hill sprung a leak that even Chuck Woodrum, our caretaker, could not fix. The tank is being replaced. Finally, a new hand pump is being installed near the dining hall. The cost of all this work is \$73,300 and we are pleased to say we have raised the funds. We thank all of our donors including: \$20,000 from Harriett 'Betsy' Fletcher Bequest, \$10,100 from the Camp Fire supporters who donated during the Big Give Campaign of the Columbus Foundation, \$7,000 from the Northwest Kiwanis Club, \$5,000 from the Harry C. Moores Foundation, \$1,200 the Green Trees Camp Fire Club, and a generous donation of \$30,000 from a long-time alumnus and volunteer, Susan Buttermore. We are extremely thankful to Susan for coming through with her donation which made it possible for us to move forward with this important upgrade at camp.

In addition to our donors, we thank the following volunteers who spent hours on this project: John Lytle, Val Mitrione, and Linda Flynn. Lastly, a big thank you to Chuck Woodrum.

2012 ALUMNI WEEKEND

August 17-19, 2012

Alumni of all ages, come spend a weekend at Camp Wyandot. Sleep in your old cabin on cabin row. Take the long walk to Egypt. Sing songs in the dining hall. Join in the Venetian sing. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the beauty of Camp Wyandot with other Camp Fire alumni. Come by yourself or get a group of Camp Fire friends together and share a cabin. You will surely meet friends you know. All meals are prepared by our cooks for you. For information see enclosed registration form or go to our website under "Volunteers and Alumni." If you need a ride to camp, please call Nikki Spretnak, 614-488-8860.

In Memory

We remember two great friends of Camp Fire who died this year.

Alice Marie Morrow died at age 87 in November 2011. She worked with Camp Fire for 37 years both with the Saint Louis Council and later as the Executive Director of the Central Ohio Council. She was a Camp Fire Girl and a counselor at Camp Wyandot. She continued to support Camp Fire her entire life by attending our annual luncheon and generously donating to the council.

Dr. Gwen Trudeau died at age 88 in December 2011. She was a camper, CIT, and counselor at Camp Wyandot. She was a parent of Camp Fire kids and a Camp Wyandot volunteer with her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed and in the words of her daughter Marie, "Her fading embers will continue to glow."

To read more about these beloved Camp Fire Alumni, please visit the Memorials page of our website, under Volunteers and Alumni. Do you know of a Camp Fire alumnus you want to remember? Details are available on the website.

<http://www.centralohiocampfire.org/volunteers-alumni/memorials/>

Leave a Legacy to Camp Fire

The \$20,000 bequest from Betsy Fletcher received in 2011 was used to make permanent improvements to Camp Wyandot, the place that Betsy loved so much and where she took her Camp Fire Group for winter camping. Please consider leaving a gift to Camp Fire in your will. See our website under Volunteers and Alumni for ways to leave a legacy for Camp Fire or call Lindsey Christ.

Calling Camp Fire Alumni of all Ages

Please visit our site and click on "Register as an Alum!" By registering and providing your **email address**, you help us to stay in touch with you about timely events. Do you know of other Camp Fire alumni? Please encourage them to register also, or call the office with their information.

CLUB NEWS

The Viga Snar Ti Wars Adventure Club Needs Your Help!!!!

For their Wood Gatherer service project, they are organizing a yard sale on May 18 and 19 to raise money for camperships to Camp Otonwe. Their goal is to raise \$1,000, but they need your help!!! Donate your old stuff to them to sell or help with set-up, selling, and clean-up. Every little bit helps! They are also in need of tables they could borrow for the sale. So do a bit of spring cleaning at your house and donate your unwanted items to them! Call Jane Arrowood at 614-878-8117 if you have yard sale items or tables to drop off or if you would like to volunteer to help.

2012 Annual Luncheon

Saturday, November 10, 2012

Villa Milano Party House, Westerville

Lunch beginning at Noon

Social hour before and after the lunch, you will surely encounter someone you know.

Silent auction and displays of Camp Fire memorabilia through the years

Cost? You decide. There is no price set for the luncheon. After the program about where Camp Fire is today, you can decide if you wish to help us grow and thrive with a donation. It is entirely up to you.