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## Welcome to Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council's first e-Newsletter!

As a youth development agency providing coed programs for youth ages 5 to 21, we focus on meeting the urgent needs of our clients living in low-income apartment communities, many of whom are attending low-performing schools in the Greater Dallas area. Our programs include after-school programs for young children, leadership and workforce development programs for teens, family strengthening programs, as well as weekend and summer camping programs. Our clients build traditional values, responsible decision-making skills, and positive self images through their participation in our programs.

## Online Fundraiser Success



This year's Send a Kid to Camp fundraiser was held online for the first time and was a huge success. Support poured in online from more than 200 donors and rose over \$12,779.

Off-line we also received donations from several other donors, Camp Fire USA National Office, Gamma Phi Beta Foundation, and the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Gamma

Phi Beta. All of this generosity allowed more than 107 economically disadvantaged boys and girls living in low-income apartment communities to attend Ellowi Summer Day Camp.

As part of our camping and outdoor education program, Camp Ellowi is an outdoor classroom where youth develop leadership skills, learn to work with others, develop an appreciation of nature, set goals, and solve problems.

Spending time in an outdoor environment and learning new and fun activities is just one of the many ways we can

## Our Mission

To build caring, confident youth and future leaders.

help build caring, confident youth and future leaders. Every year hundreds of boys and girls ages 5 to 12 experience a lifetime of joy and memories at our beautiful 65-acre wooded site in Cedar Hill, away from the drugs and gang activity that make their neighborhoods so dangerous. More than fifty percent of the campers attending Ellowi Summer Day Camp each summer are economically disadvantaged youth who attend on scholarship.

THANK YOU to everyone that helped our youth attend Ellowi Summer Day Camp!

## Ellowi Summer Day Camp



Ellowi Summer Day Camp is now in session weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and ends on August 13. Enroll today!

For more information about Ellowi Summer Day Camp and other Lone Star Council programming, please call our office at 214.824.1122 ex. 103 or email Sheri Hemby at: [shemby@campfireusadallas.org](mailto:shemby@campfireusadallas.org).

[Download Summer Camp Brochure and Registration Information](#)

## Camp Fire USA Turns 100 in 2010

### Camp Fire USA Centennial Celebration



The Lone Star Council will celebrate with the Tesuya Council and area councils in Cleburne, Texas at the Chisolm Trail Outdoor Museum/Park at Lake Pat Cleburne located on state highway 67.

Our 2010 Centennial Celebration will take place on Saturday, July 31, 2010 with vendor booths opening at 5:30 p.m. This official national event will feature lighting a commemorative campfire at precisely 7:30 p.m.

This is a community-wide event open to everyone currently involved in Camp Fire, our esteemed alumni, and the interested public. It's our opportunity to celebrate the promise of continuing a legacy that has left an indelible mark on millions of alumni and hundreds of communities.

For more information, please visit [www.campfireusatesuyacouncil.org](http://www.campfireusatesuyacouncil.org) or email the Tesuya Council at [cftesuya@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cftesuya@sbcglobal.net).

## Gather 'Round Camp Fire

One of the Best Kept Secrets in Dallas!

We hold one-hour programs called Gather 'Round Camp Fire, so small groups in the community can see and hear about our work firsthand. We would love to have you come and meet our board members and key staff, refreshments will be provided. You won't be asked to make any financial contributions, but we welcome your advice and feedback about our programs.

If you would like us to bring our presentation to your office, home, or community on another date and time, we are happy to arrange it.

Here are upcoming Gather 'Round Camp Fire events:

- 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4 at our office building:  
- 4411 Skillman Street, Dallas, TX 75206
- Noon on Thursday, August 12 at our site:  
- The Biltmore, 6336 Ridgecrest Road, Dallas, TX 75231
- 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1 at our office building:  
- 4411 Skillman Street, Dallas, TX 75206
- Noon on Thursday, September 9 at our site:  
- The Biltmore, 6336 Ridgecrest Road, Dallas, TX 75231

To RSVP or to schedule another Gather 'Round Camp Fire, please call our office at 214.824.1122 ex. 104 or email Sid Buniff at [sbuniff@campfireusadallas.org](mailto:sbuniff@campfireusadallas.org).

For more information on the Lone Star Council or about how you can get involved, please contact us at 214.824.1122 or [info@campfireusadallas.org](mailto:info@campfireusadallas.org) and visit our website at [www.campfireusadallas.org](http://www.campfireusadallas.org).



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