



# The Lone Star

## OCTOBER 2005

at the  
**Frontiers of Flight  
Museum**

## 14th Annual Sporting Chance Auction **Flight for the Future**

[www.campfireusadallas.org/auction](http://www.campfireusadallas.org/auction)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
November 12, 2005  
7 - 11 p.m.

### **Dinner, Drinks, Dancing and Auction**

Support a great cause, while enjoying your very own "party within a party" at the Flight for the Future auction. Bring your friends and enjoy a night out on the town with:

**Complimentary Dinner, Dessert, and Full Bar**  
including beer, wine, margaritas and soft drinks



James Koukl Painting Watercolors to be Auctioned

**Live DJ**

**Silent Auction**

featuring 400 items

**Live Auction**

featuring 10-15 items

**Diamond Draw**



Live Auction Bidders

### **Benefiting Kids Club**

The Kids Club after-school program is provided at no cost to participants and is open to boys and girls, ages 5-12, with volunteer opportunities for youth, ages 13-18. In the program, children participate in recreational, self-esteem and character building activities and receive help with their homework.



By providing substantive programming in a safe, inclusive environment, Kids Club offers parents the security they want for their children during non-school hours, while providing youth with exciting, substantive activities and providing them with the opportunity to create new friendships. By uniting families from the same communities, Kids Club creates a network of support around the children it serves.



We would like to extend special thanks and fond gratitude to our generous sponsors and supporters of the "On Behalf of Youth" Awards Breakfast, presented by **Citi Cards** and **Ernst & Young LLP**. The event raised over \$30,000 to support the council's summer and camping programs, which are provided at no cost to Camp Fire youth from low-income families and/or attending low-performing schools in the Greater Dallas area.

We were delighted to honor U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison as *Community Leader*, Ernst & Young as *Corporate Leader*, Marc D. Moseley as *Camp Fire USA Volunteer Leader* and the Salesmanship Club Youth and Family Centers' Kent Skipper as our *Youth Development Professional*. Peggy Carr served as Honorary Chair. Councilman Gary Griffith served as Master of Ceremonies.



U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison & Camp Fire USA members.



Michelle Vopni, Kent Skipper, Marc D. Moseley, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison & David Alexander (Ernst & Young).

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**Individual tickets** are available for \$50 prior to the event or \$75 at the door. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.campfireusadallas.org/auction](http://www.campfireusadallas.org/auction) or by calling 214 824 1122.



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## CAMP FIRE USA CONFERS HIGHEST YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT

Katie Rochelle Linman, Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council member since 1999, has earned its highest youth honor -- the Wohelo Award.

The Wohelo Award is an intensive, individualized project that is designed by the individual youth. Recipients have demonstrated an unwavering commitment

to Camp Fire USA's history and values, and they have also advocated for improved social conditions. The word Wohelo comes from the first two letters of the words work, health and love.

Katie, a senior at Flower Mound High School, is the daughter of Craig and Brenda Linman. In order to receive the Wohelo Award, Katie carried out an action plan that included using her artistic and creative skills to brighten the lives of several groups in her community.

She created and ran two Camp Fire council-wide workshops to help members earn the "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" emblem. She collected and prepared materials, organized helpers, located speakers, and ran the workshops. Each year, 300 cards were created and delivered to the Dallas VA Medical Center.

Katie initiated a program of making seasonal crafts for the residents of a local care home and then delivering them seven times each year. This involved deciding on crafts, gathering supplies, completing projects, and arranging to deliver them. The project has been ongoing for five years.

Katie also headed a project to make and provide baby quilts for the clients of the Advocacy and Pregnancy Center. She gathered donated materials, cut and ironed quilt squares, compiled quilt kits, recruited people to sew, taught sewing techniques, and delivered completed quilts. Over 130 baby quilts have been completed and donated.



Katie and her parents

## INTERN MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Lindsay Schafer joined Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council as part of the ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program (CSJP). She worked as the Public Image Coordinator for the council for two months during the summer. Lindsay is currently a junior at West Virginia University with a major in Public Relations and a minor in Spanish.

As our CSJP intern, Lindsay played a crucial role in the promotion of our Kids Club after-school program. She also worked on many marketing projects that will increase awareness of Camp Fire USA in the community.



Lindsay's first visit to Camp Ellowi was met with smiling faces and warm embraces.

We are grateful to the ExxonMobil Foundation for allowing Camp Fire USA to be a part of the CSJP, and thank Lindsay for her constant enthusiasm, exceptional work ethic and her dedication to the mission and youth of the Lone Star Council.

The CSJP, funded by the ExxonMobil Foundation and administered by the Volunteer Center of Dallas County, provides full-time college students with eight-week paid internships at 75 Dallas-area nonprofit agencies.



"Earning the Wohelo Award takes an enormous commitment. We take great pride in what this accomplishment means to youth and to what it means to the communities they serve."

- Tim James, Lone Star Council Executive Director

"I get a lot of satisfaction out of making nice things and seeing them enjoyed by others. I learned that to make community service fun, look at your own interests and talents, and then see how you can use them to help others in your community."

- Katie Linman, Wohelo recipient

## CAMP FIRE USA LONE STAR COUNCIL BRANDING POINT TO REMEMBER

**Mission:** To build caring, confident youth and future leaders.

CARING	CONFIDENT	LEADER
Considerate	Positive	Pacesetter
Helpful	Self-Reliant	Organizer
Thoughtful	Assured	Director
Kind	Secure	Coordinator
Compassionate	Hopeful	Pioneer



## Community Family Club: Strengthening Families

Imagine being faced with the obstacles of divorcing and moving to a new country where you don't speak the language all in the same year. For one young mother, these challenges became a reality.

Magdalena lives at the North Park Terrace Apartments with her two daughters, ages five and nine. Both of her daughters are enrolled in Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council's daily after-school program on-site at the apartment. Through this program the girls are able to make friends and have fun in a safe environment. Magdalena's daughters enjoy the after-school program so much that when Camp Fire announced the start of a new program called Community Family Club (CFC), they were excited to join the program and learn more about it.



Magdalena and her youngest daughter

Community Family Club is a family-focused program that encourages parents and other family members to participate in activities with their children and is designed to strengthen the family and community ties. The bi-monthly program includes a potluck dinner, large group activity and small group activities.

Magdalena was eager to meet her neighbors, but was also reluctant to participate because of her limited English speaking ability. However she soon found out that many of her neighbors also spoke Spanish and some even spoke other languages. After attending many CFC meetings, Magdalena and some other parents decided to join an English as a second language class at the local library. She is now much more comfortable in the community because she is able to communicate and understand the language.

"I have found new companionship with the other families in my community and do not feel alone anymore," said Magdalena. "I also enjoy the games we play and acting silly with my daughters and their friends."

Magdalena has even joined an aerobics class, which is something she never thought she would be able to do because of her responsibility as a mother. With her new friendships and support of her neighbors, Magdalena is able to enjoy taking time to do things for herself as well as her daughters.

Community Family Club has helped diminish Magdalena's shyness, and has given her a new outlook on life. She now has new friends, and her daughters are very proud of their new adventurous mom.

For more information on this program, visit [www.campfireusadallas.org/cfc](http://www.campfireusadallas.org/cfc)



North Park Terrace Community Family Club

## Volunteers: Heart of Camp Fire USA

Since 1910, volunteers have been at the heart of Camp Fire USA's programs. This past summer Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council was privileged to have Guy, 13, volunteer his time and talents in both the main office and at a program site.



Guy at the Camp Fire office

Guy's mother had inquired about the council's summer work program, but unfortunately her son was too young to join this program. She still wanted him to be involved in Camp Fire, so it was determined that Guy would be a perfect fit for a summer volunteer opportunity at the main office. His mother was thrilled, because she did not want him to be at home bored all day and was afraid that he might start hanging out with the wrong crowd if he didn't have any adult supervision all summer long.

Guy was assigned as an office assistant and appeared very shy and didn't talk to any adults. However, it only took two weeks for him to break out of his shell and become more energetic and outgoing. As a result of Guy's new found confidence, he was assigned to volunteer at a summer program site with the responsibility to work with 30 youth, ages 6-12. He happily accepted, and for the remainder of the summer he served as a mentor to these kids.

"The kids look up to Guy, because he makes them feel important," said Yolanda G. Santos, Program Director. "Through his volunteerism, Guy has learned the importance of responsibility and has gained self-confidence."

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### Quick Fact

The afternoon hours are the peak time for juvenile crime. In the last 11 years, juvenile crime has increased 48%.

### Did you know...

Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council operates daily programs for children, ages 5-12, from 3-6 p.m., weekly programs for teens, ages 12-18, from 4-7 p.m., and bi-monthly programs for families.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers have always been at the heart of our programs, and we encourage people of all ages to apply for one of the many opportunities available through Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council. Call 214 824 1122 to learn more.

## Possible Contributions

Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council depends on the support of our community to offer our programs at little to no cost to the families we serve. Possible contributions include:

- Camperships and program scholarships for children from low-income families,
- Memorial gifts to commemorate the life of a friend or family member,
- Honorariums to celebrate a friend or family member's achievements, birthday, etc.,
- In-kind (office supplies, computers, items for our auction, etc.),
- Bequests, charitable gift annuities, etc.,
- Tom Thumb Reward Card's Good Neighbor #623,
- or "Kroger Cares" card (available at council office).

**New!** Online donations now accepted at [www.campfireusadallas.org](http://www.campfireusadallas.org).

## Gifts in Kind Wish List:

- **Items for our fall auction**, to be sold in support of our Kids Club after-school program.
- **Printing supplies**, including copy paper, ink cartridges and more.
- **Office supplies**, including paper, pens, pencils, staplers, staples, sticky pads, paper clips, and more.

## Five essential elements drive every program we offer:

1. We are youth-centered.
2. We engage the entire family in fun and outcome-rich activities.
3. We are welcoming and inclusive.
4. We build youth and adult partnerships.
5. We provide service to others.

## Camp Fire USA programs have four important qualities:

- Progression
- Variety
- Partnership between youth and adults
- Rewards and recognition



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## Upcoming Events

Oct 20	Council Board Meeting
Oct 21 & 22	Camp Fear - Haunted Camp
Nov 12	<b>Flight for the Future</b> - 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Sporting Chance Auction
Nov 17	Council Board Meeting
Nov 24 & 25	Office Closed - Thanksgiving

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