

From the Directors

Camp Fire Families,

Hope you all had a great summer Camp Fire USA Camps! The secret of summer camps is that learning and social and emotional growth continue throughout the summer months as we play, explore, interact, experience and challenge each other in a camp environment. We have been lucky enough to observe and be a part of this growth in hundreds of Camp Fire campers this summer; we hope that your camper and family has as many wonderful memories as we do!

Dedicated, caring staff remains our greatest strength and asset to our families and campers; from counselors to site directors and unit directors to year round leadership and support staff, all are dedicated to the Camp Fire mission and serving Iowa youth. This summer, these staff met every challenge and went the extra mile to ensure that your campers have the experience that you have come to expect from Camp Fire.

As many of you know, this year marks 100 years of Camp Fire. This tradition remains as relevant as ever and we strive to support youth through impactful, quality programs year round. Thank you for supporting the Camp Fire mission. We look forward to another hundred years of work, health and love.

WoHeLo,

Bob Reid, Executive Director
James Martinson, Director of Operations

Camp Fire Clubs

Fall is a time of change, not only for leaves, but for kids and families as well; a time for starting new ventures, setting new goals and...

GETTING INVOLVED WITH CAMP FIRE CLUBS!!! Clubs are an opportunity for your child to HAVE FUN, meet

new friends, spend time outdoors, earn awards, and develop good character. Club members enjoy activities such as crafts, cooking, sports, drama, as well as learning about themselves and their community. Our Club leaders are enthusiastic about building your child's confidence and providing a fun atmosphere at Club meetings. Clubs meet at many locations throughout central Iowa, on various days and at different times during the school year. More information is available online- please contact the Camp Fire office 515-274-1501 with any additional questions on how to get involved.



Volunteers Needed!

As we enter the fall, we are searching for new volunteers. We can use people with all sorts of skills- whether you like being on the front line leading or assisting a club program, or teaching a safety class to kindergartners, or if you're more of the behind-the-scenes type and would like to help with improvements at Camp Hantesa, or support our office staff. An hour a year or an hour a week, we can use you. Our passion at Camp Fire is youth and the outdoors, if you share that passion, drop us a line and we will find a place for you.

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Hantesa Hello

Greetings friends and family of Camp Fire USA! We had a fantastic summer at Hantesa this year. We served over a thousand children through our day, resident, and adventure learning programs and even managed to survive extreme heat and rising flood waters! Despite some of nature's challenges, we had a blast! As fall is beginning, our staff are looking forward to a break from the heat, but continuing the excitement throughout the year. We've got lots to keep us busy here with facilities improvement and program development. We hope you are as geared up for the fall as we are – there are tons of things to be pumped about! We are offering all our traditional fall programs like Afternoons at the Ranch, "Out of School" Days, Mom/Youth Overnights and Family Camps. For the thrill seekers, we've planned a super spooky Haunted Hantesa! We hope to see you out at Hantesa for one of our awesome programs this fall!

WoHeLo! -The Hantesa Leadership Team

Camp Fire's Centennial

The Heart of the Hawkeye Council, along with councils across the country, held a special council fire on July 31st. Over 200 people joined the full time and summer staffs at Camp Hantesa, representing all aspects of Camp Fire programs.

A silent auction was held and raised almost \$4,000 to support the mission of Camp Fire. If you were unable to attend the event, but would still like to show your support, there is still time to contribute to our "100 for 100" campaign. We are trying to find 100 supporters who are willing to support the next 100 years of Camp Fire USA with a gift of \$100 or more. Contact the Camp Fire Service Center for details.

A huge thank you goes to the volunteer committees who coordinated the event, Fareway Stores for providing the meal, and those who attended for making it such a great night!

