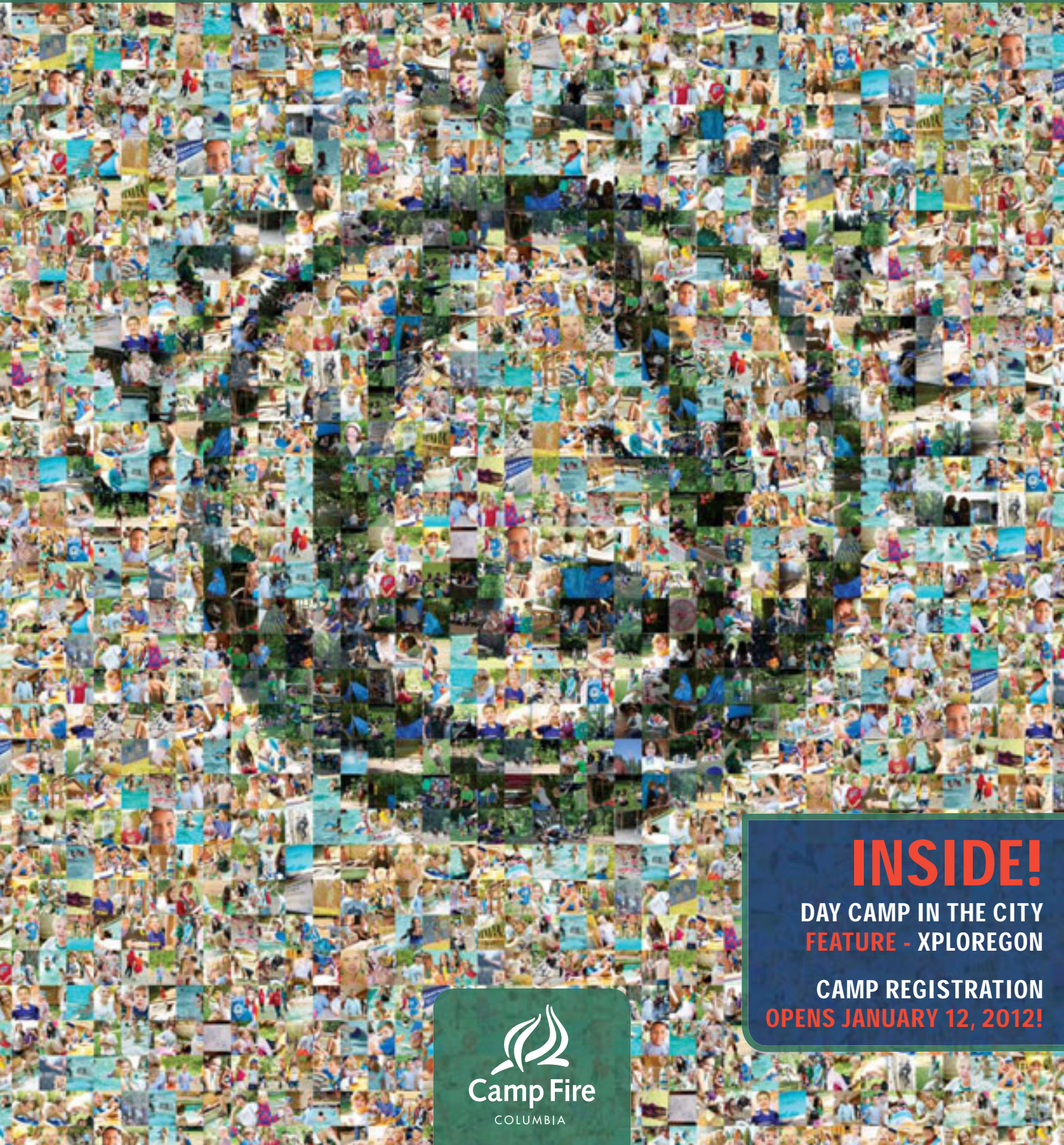


# NAMANU

CAMP CATALOG 2012



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# THE MAGIC OF NAMANU

A Northwest Tradition since 1924, **CAMP NAMANU** (Nuh-MAH-Noo) engages over 1,400 kids each summer in fun, experiential, and unique activities. Namanu is a timeless place with breakfast sing-alongs, night-time skits, endless discovery of new friendships and caring counselors. Campers wake to the calming rush of the Sandy River and gaze at evening skies overflowing with stars while campfire crackle blends with guitars and song.

**CAMP NAMANU** offers intentional and evidence-based programs, based on the philosophy of **CAMP FIRE COLUMBIA**, with an emphasis on small groups and a celebration of differences. Programs focus on cooperative group living, an appreciation of nature, non-competitive sports, skill development, and fun.

Our caring staff members are selectively chosen, rigorously screened, CPR and First Aid certified, and trained to make **CAMP NAMANU** an ideal place for kids. Our Resident Camp is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA) which means we have voluntarily invited an outside team of ACA camp professionals to verify compliance with more than 250 nationally recognized industry standards. At Namanu we provide a healthy environment, manage risk impeccably, and do all we can to build caring, confident youth and future leaders.

“MY EIGHT YEAR OLD BOY CAME BACK A DIFFERENT PERSON, FOR THE BETTER. HE WAS SO HAPPY, LOVED THE NEW FRIENDS AND THE ENTIRE CAMPING EXPERIENCE.”

-NAMANU CAMPER PARENT



## WHY CAMP?

In a recent national evaluation of summer camp programs, 92% of kids said that “the people at camp helped me feel good about myself.” In that same survey, 70% of parents reported that their child gained **SELF-CONFIDENCE** from their camp experience. At Camp Namanu, we blew that stat out of the water, with 94% of parents stating the same! The list of Namanu-specific affirmations goes on, with between 80%-90% of parents sharing that their child increased their **INDEPENDENCE, MADE NEW FRIENDS**, improved **TEAMWORK SKILLS**, and came home with a heightened **APPRECIATION FOR NATURE**. Best of all, 96% of Namanu parents from summer 2011 told us that they hope to send their camper back in summer 2012! As a parent of Namanu campers myself, I am in this majority. My wife and I look to Namanu as that safe, nurturing place where our boys can learn, give, and grow in ways that we simply can’t provide at home. We know that the caring, well-trained staff at Namanu inspire our boys to really explore who they are and how they want to be in this world; and, like most of you, we see those “very best selves” come back from camp, smiling a confident smile, and ready to take on the adventures and challenges of another year at school. As parents, isn’t this what we all want for our kids? This summer, I hope you and your family will join me and mine on the banks of the scenic Sandy River!

Keith Thomajan, President & CEO  
Camp Fire Columbia





# RESIDENT CAMP UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

**\*Unit assignments are based on the child's grade in the fall of 2012**

At Namanu, campers live in cabins with youth of the same gender and age group along with a cabin counselor dedicated to providing the entire cabin with an unforgettable Namanu experience.

All sessions offer general, age-appropriate camp programs that may include cookouts, hiking, archery, swimming, boating, arts & crafts, nature games, and singing. Each cabin group also chooses specific activities for the weekly session. This creates a unique and youth-driven experience each week.

Each grade level outlined below has its own geographically centered unit with a distinct theme and flavor. From the modern, comfortable, and enclosed cabins of Blue Wing to the rustic and picturesque open air tree houses of Balagan, each unit space offers a unique outdoor experience.

## GRADES 1-2 MINI BLUE WING UNIT

**2 Day Sessions: 5b or 7b - \$150**

Campers and counselors live in cabins with a built-in bathroom during this special two-day/one-night camping experience. This program is designed to give the first-time camper a short but exciting taste of camp. From 8:30 a.m. the first day to 7:30 p.m. the next, our youngest campers enjoy a wide range of camp experiences.

## GRADES 2-3 BLUE WING UNIT

**4 Day Sessions: 1, 5a, or 7a - \$350**

**7 Day Sessions: 2, 3, 4, 6, or 8 - \$570**

Blue Wing campers live in cabins with an interior bathroom and shower. They participate in a variety of activities including boating in the duck pond, swimming in our solar-heated pool, hiking, arts & crafts, and playing nature games.

## GRADES 4-5 SHERWOOD UNIT

**4 Day Sessions: 1, 5a, or 7a - \$350**

**7 Day Sessions: 2, 3, 4, 6, or 8 - \$570**

Sherwood campers live in fully enclosed cabins and enjoy scaling the climbing wall, archery, playing in the creek, learning about stargazing, and hiking to new places that may include an overnight. They also enjoy all of the activities available to the Blue Wing campers. *Sherwood campers also have the option to sign up for a Trail Ride at our Ranch Camp for \$35.*

## GRADE 6 ROBIN HILL UNIT

**4 Day Session: 1 - \$350**

**7 Day Sessions: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 - \$570**

Robin Hill campers live in open-air cabins and are able to participate in all of the activities available for Sherwood campers. They also have opportunities to use the looms in our historic Weavery, take a night swim in the pool, and develop teamwork skills through problem-solving activities on the low ropes course. *Robin Hill campers also have the option to sign up for a Trail Ride at our Ranch Camp for \$35.*

## GRADE 7 KIWANIS UNIT

**7 Day Sessions: 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 - \$570**

**14 Day Session: 3/4 - \$895**

Kiwanis campers live in tipis and, in addition to all of the Robin Hill camper activities, have the opportunity to develop individual and teamwork skills on our high ropes course.

## GRADES 8-9 PIONEER UNIT

**7 Day Sessions: 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 - \$570**

**14 Day Session: 3/4 - \$895**

Pioneer campers awaken to the calming rush of the nearby Sandy River in three-sided cabins, and have the opportunity to participate in all Kiwanis campers activities. They are encouraged to take on more leadership roles in their cabin groups and may choose to do an extended hike or learn advanced outdoor skills.

## GRADES 10-12 BALAGAN UNIT

**7 Day Sessions: 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 - \$570**

**14 Day Session: 3/4 - \$895**

Balagan campers live in tree houses perched above the Sandy River. Their sessions include all of the Pioneer camper activities plus opportunities to serve as mentors and role models for younger campers. Additional activities reserved for our oldest campers may be hosting an all-camp event, rappelling off the climbing wall, and participating in advanced challenge course activities.

**\*Session Dates are listed to the right.**



## SESSION DATES

### MINI BLUE WING SESSIONS

**SESSION 5B** August 2 - August 3

**SESSION 7B** August 16 - August 17

### FOUR DAY SESSIONS

**SESSION 1** June 30 - July 3

**SESSION 5A** July 29 - August 1

**SESSION 7A** August 12 - August 15

### 7 DAY SESSIONS

**SESSION 2** July 8 - July 14

**SESSION 3** July 15 - July 21

**SESSION 4** July 22 - July 28

**SESSION 5** July 29 - August 4

**SESSION 6** August 5 - August 11

**SESSION 7** August 12 - August 18

**SESSION 8** August 19 - August 25

### 14 DAY SESSION

**SESSION 3/4** July 15 - July 28

**NEW PROGRAM FOR  
9TH-12TH GRADERS!**

**SEE PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS ON  
TOTEMS, GEARS, & CITS.**



# RANCH CAMP AT NAMANU

Namanu Ranch Camp is a horse lover's paradise. Our riding instructors assign campers to specific horses and teach horsemanship skills and safety practices. Campers live near the horses in open-air cabins. In addition to working with the horses, Ranch campers participate in resident camp activities, including archery, swimming, the climbing tower, high & low ropes elements, arts & crafts, and outdoor living skills.

The **7 Day Ranch program** (for campers entering 6th - 11th grades) is designed for the beginning rider.

The **14 Day Ranch program** (for campers entering 7th - 12th grades) is perfect for the intermediate rider. Ranch staff will conduct a riding evaluation upon arrival at camp to determine which riding group is most appropriate for each camper. This program is designed for the beginner to lower intermediate rider and it is the exception, not the norm, for our campers to canter during their stay.

All Ranch campers learn equestrian basics, including care, feeding, mounting, dismounting, saddling, grooming, tacking, and riding. Campers can expect to ride both in the arena and on beautiful wooded trails.

**\*Resident campers in our 4th-6th grade units also have the option to add a trail ride. Please see page 5.**

CO-ED RANCH - 7 DAY	SESSION 2	July 8 - July 14	\$605
	SESSION 3	July 15 - July 21	\$605
	SESSION 4	July 22 - July 28	\$605
COWGIRLS RANCH - 7 DAY	SESSION 5	July 29 - August 4	\$605
	SESSION 6	August 5 - August 11	\$605
	SESSION 7	August 12 - August 18	\$605
CO-ED RANCH - 14 DAY	SESSION 8	August 19 - August 25	\$605
	SESSION 3/4	July 15 - July 28	\$895

**Our Ranch site is a separate location from main camp. The campers will live, ride and enjoy activities in a smaller community. Ranch campers do most of their programming in this secluded space away from the hustle and bustle of main camp.**

# DAY CAMP IN THE CITY

**Embarking on its third year, Day Camp in the city is teaming up with the SE Community Swap Shop to bring programming to a new location: Sunnyside Methodist.**

Located in inner-SE Portland, adjacent to Sunnyside Environmental School (at 3520 SE Yamhill St), the site is a dynamic space that we've used for other programming and brings additional resource areas to heighten the program experience for campers. We look forward to another summer in our new home!

At a week of Day Camp, youth in grades incoming K-6 can expect to find the following, and much more: small groups geared towards individual attention, classic camp songs & games, weekly field trips to Camp Namanu in Sandy, OR, two healthy snacks a day, special presenters from the community, and a campfire each week with songs where the whole family is invited!

**Day Camp registration begins February 22, 2012**

## THEMES & DATES

<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>Art Explosion</b> July 2-6 (closed on the 4th of July) Try different forms of art through messy exploration!	<b>SESSION 2</b> <b>Let's Move</b> July 9-13 An active week of trying creative ways to stay fit including yoga, dance, and frisbee. If it gets you up and moving, we may try it!	<b>SESSION 3</b> <b>How Did They Make That?</b> July 16-20 Visit local manufacturers and see first-hand how things are made. Then try your hand at making items such as silly putty, soap, bread and more!	<b>SESSION 4</b> <b>Imagination Exploration</b> July 23-27 Come to camp as a character you created, or spend the day on a planet your group created. Whatever it might be, let your imagination run wild!
<b>SESSION 5</b> <b>Be A Backyard Camper</b> July 30 - August 3 Get acquainted with outdoor living and camp craft skills. Soap carving, fire building, and dutch oven cooking! <b>There is an option to add a Mini-Blue Wing overnight!</b>	<b>SESSION 6</b> <b>Our Global Village</b> August 6 -10 Get to know different cultures that help make up our vibrant community. Each day a different culture will be explored via field trips, art, food, language, and music!	<b>SESSION 7</b> <b>So You Wanna Be A Chef?</b> August 13 -17 Do you love to cook? Then this is for you! Explore different types of cuisine, baking, and outdoor cooking! <b>There is an option to add a Mini-Blue Wing overnight!</b>	<b>SESSION 8</b> <b>Make Some Noise</b> August 20 -24 Make music, create your own instruments, write songs, sing, and learn more about expressing yourself through noise!
<b>FEES</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>	<b>\$255/week</b> 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	<b>Extended Care Options Available</b> 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. and 4 a.m. - 6 p.m. for an additional fee



# LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS AT CAMP NAMANU



## GRADES 9-12

**TOTEMS NEW for 2012!**  
July 15-28 - \$895

This two-week program is for those campers interested in learning more "hard" camp skills. Totems campers will leave camp with the ability to teach skills like archery, weaving, arts & crafts, and plant identification. They may also go on an extended overnight, learn how to belay participants on the climbing wall, and become certified in First Aid & CPR.

**There is no application process for Totems. Register early – space is limited!**

## GRADES 9-12

**GEARS**  
Sessions 1&2, 3&4, 5&6, 7&8 - \$125  
(see page 5 for session dates)

This program is for those campers who want to get more involved in camp by working in our camp kitchen cleaning dishes and setting up meals in our dining facility. They can expect to work hard and then have the opportunity to experience the fun things at Camp Namanu after completing their daily tasks.

Applicants must be 14 - 18 years old and entering 9th - 12th grade in the fall of 2012. The Gears program requires an application\* along with references and is competitive. Applications are due to the Camp Fire office by February 25, 2012.

## GRADE 11

**COUNSELOR IN TRAINING 1 (CIT 1)**  
August 5-25 - \$775 per year

Camp Namanu's 2-year Counselor in Training (CIT) program transitions youth from campers to potential staff members. CITs follow a dynamic Camp Fire Columbia curriculum designed to teach them about child development, behavior management, communication, decision-making and leadership. These young leaders receive mentoring, weekly evaluations, gain real-life meaningful experiences, and are empowered to make and live by their own good decisions. CIT 1 applicants must be 15 or 16 years old and entering the 11th grade in the fall of 2012.

## GRADE 12

**COUNSELOR IN TRAINING 2 (CIT 2)**  
July 8-August 4 - \$775 per year

CIT 2 participants have already completed CIT 1 and are invited to attend the second year of the program. We are unable to make any exceptions to this requirement.

Namanu's CIT program is competitive and requires an application\*, references, and an interview. Applications are due to the Camp Fire office by January 4, 2012.

**\*CIT and Gears application materials along with other information can be found at [campfirecolumbia.org](http://campfirecolumbia.org).**

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### SPRING FLING!

#### EGG HUNT & OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, April 7th, 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Bring the whole family out to Namanu for a fun-filled afternoon at camp. Our first annual Egg Hunt starts at 1 p.m. and will be followed by the opportunity for you to take a tour of Namanu, enjoy songs & s'mores around a campfire, grab a hot dog or hot chocolate, take a boat out on the duck pond, assemble an arts & crafts project, and more. This event is free and no registration is required.

#### NAMANU SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, June 24th, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Take a drive out to Namanu to tour the camp, meet the Camp Director and staff, participate in an activity or two, and check out the horses at the Ranch. This event is free and no registration is required.

#### FAMILY CAMP - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

**May 25 - 28, 2012**

Family Camp is a great way for parents and children to spend quality time together on this holiday weekend and is a fantastic way to introduce your child to Camp Namanu. This is a very popular event and it fills quickly, so register early!

#### FAMILY CAMP - LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**August 31 - September 3, 2012**

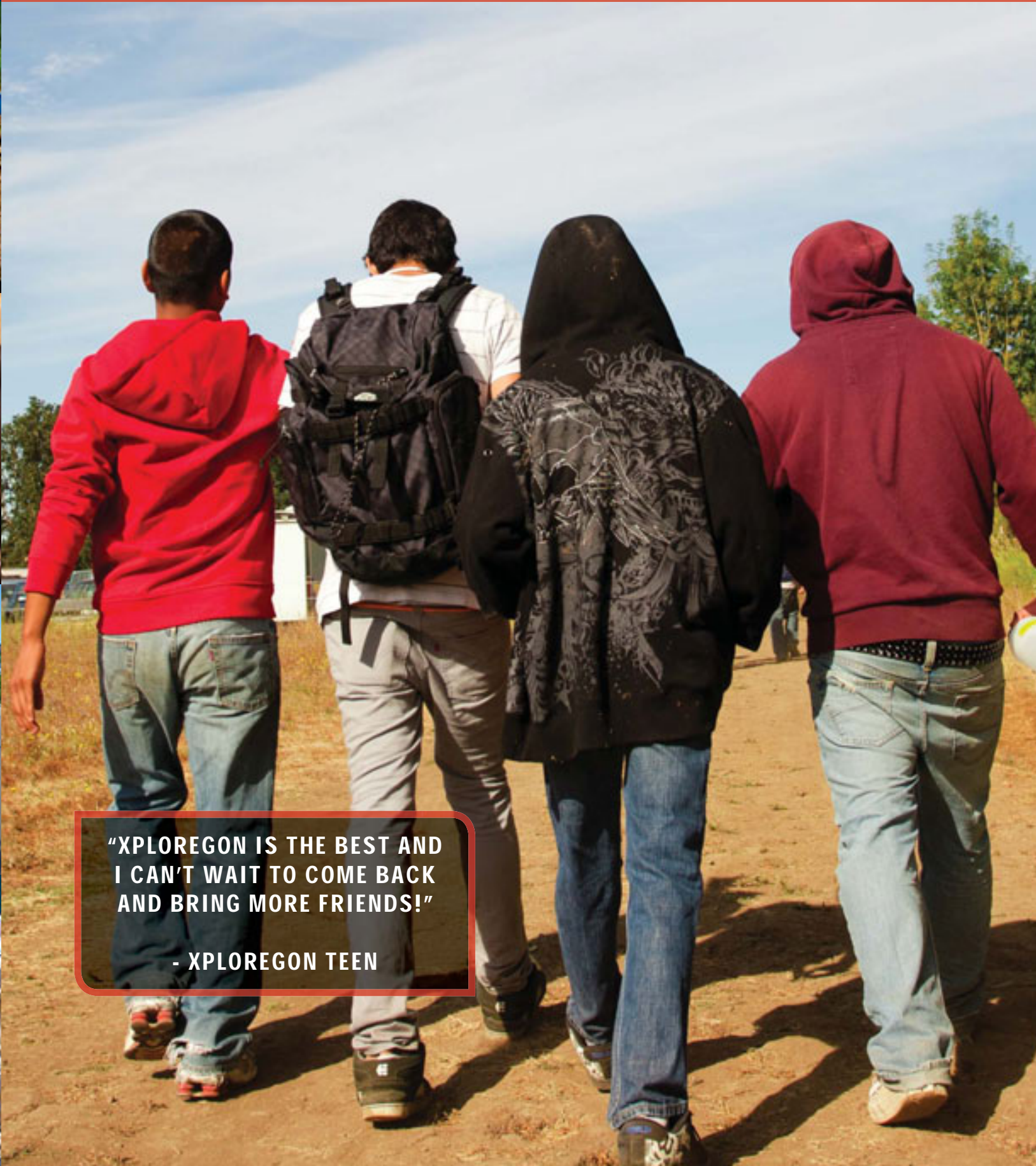
Labor Day weekend brings warm days and cool nights – perfect for taking the duck pond boats out for a spin, relaxing in our solar-heated pool, hiking one of Namanu's many trails, and gathering around the campfire with a s'more. Bring your family out to camp for the weekend to participate in a variety of activities for all ages.

Please visit [campfirecolumbia.org](http://campfirecolumbia.org) to view additional details and/or registration information for applicable programs.

Questions can also be directed to the Camp Fire Office at 503.224.7800.

# NAMANU FEATURE

**XPLOREGON IS TURNING FIVE!**  
XPLOREGON IS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS  
TO EXPLORE AND BUILD THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILLS  
OUTSIDE OF OUR RESIDENT CAMP COMMUNITY.



**"XPLOREGON IS THE BEST AND  
I CAN'T WAIT TO COME BACK  
AND BRING MORE FRIENDS!"**

**- XPLOREGON TEEN**

# XPLOREGON WHEELS TO THE PAVEMENT!

The Xploregon Teen Leadership Program immerses youth in a series of 12-day road trips across Oregon's jaw-dropping terrain in search of fun, adventure and self-discovery. The program brings youth together from various high schools within the Portland Metro area for a journey that is as much about exploring oneself as it is of Oregon's diverse landscapes.

Together, participants leave their comfort zones to partner with leading community-based organizations on service projects, try their hand at adventure, confront their fears, and grow through leadership and team-building exercises. Previous summers' youth have gone rock climbing at Smith Rock, rafted down the Deschutes River, gone horseback riding in the Willamette Valley, and surfed the Pacific Ocean. Xploregon has also contributed valuable hours of service to Habitat for Humanity, the Surfrider Foundation, Medical Teams International, the National Forest Service, the American Red Cross, Home Life Inc., and many other organizations.

## GRADES 9-12

XPLOREGON TRIP 1	JULY 1 - JULY 12	\$795
XPLOREGON TRIP 2	JULY 15 - JULY 26	\$795
XPLOREGON TRIP 3	AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 16	\$795
XPLOREGON TRIP 4	AUGUST 19 - AUGUST 30	\$795

## REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 12, 2012!

Visit [campfirecolumbia.org](http://campfirecolumbia.org) to register.

**YOU'RE INVITED!  
XPLOREGON COSMIC BOWLING PARTY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH, 3-5 P.M.  
PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY - VIKING GAME ROOM  
1825 SW BROADWAY STREET, PORTLAND OR 97201**

(Located in the basement of the Smith Memorial Student Union)

This is a free event to learn more about Xploregon and meet other youth who will be on the trips!

The itineraries for the trips are planned by previous participants of Xploregon, guaranteeing that each project and adventure is chosen for youth by youth. Youth are still working on the itinerary for this summer. **For a sample itinerary please visit [campfirecolumbia.org](http://campfirecolumbia.org).**

**Check with your school to see if you can gain service learning credits!**  
Contact the Camp Fire Columbia Office for more information at 503.224.7800.

# IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

At Camp Namanu we work hard to manage risk and create a safe environment for youth to have fun and grow. Camp Namanu is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), which means that we voluntarily invite an outside team of trained ACA professionals to verify compliance with more than 250 nationally recognized standards every three years. A health professional is at camp 24 hours a day during camp sessions. Staff members are trained in emergency response techniques and are certified in First Aid and CPR.

## CAMPERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

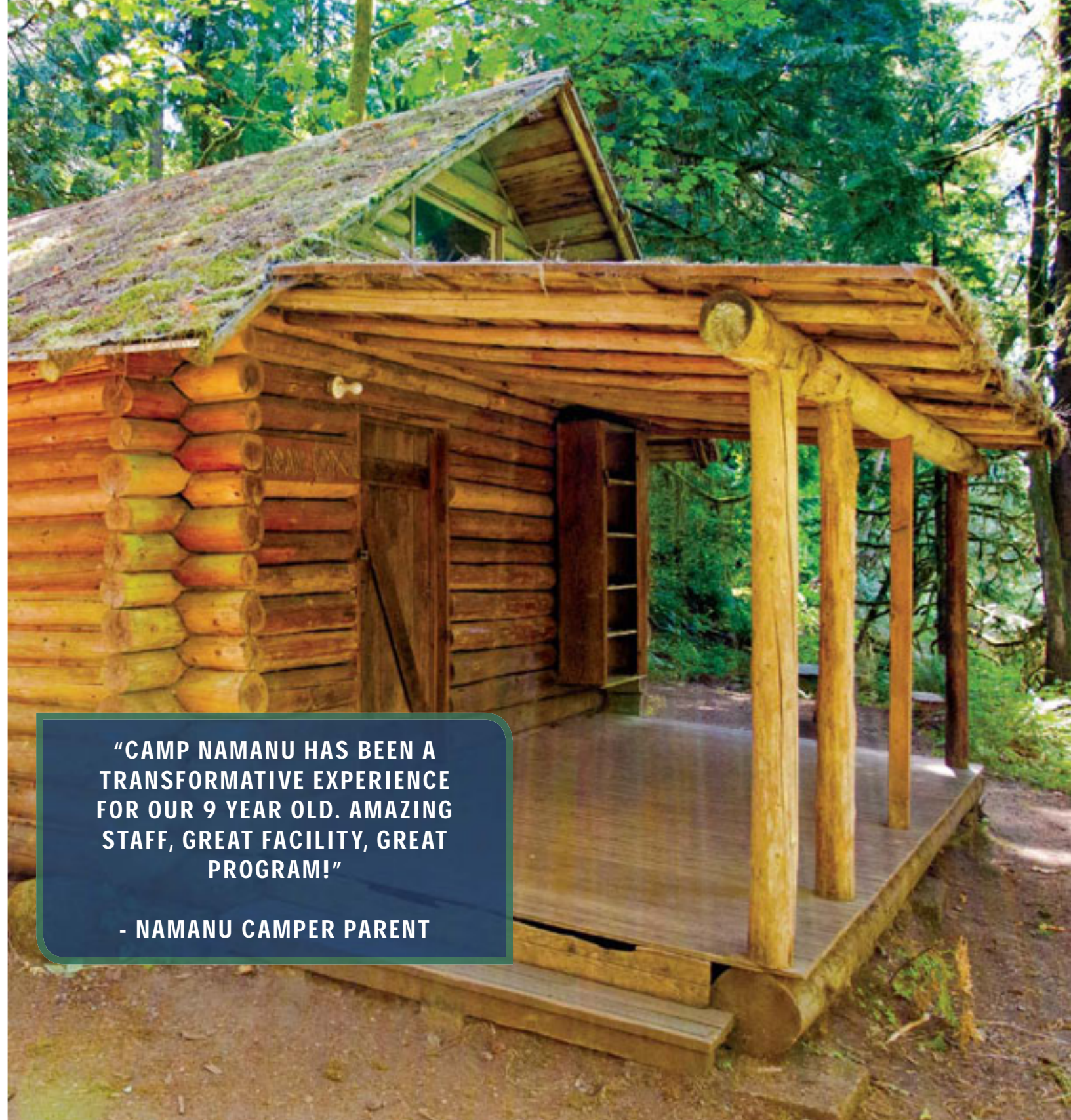
Camp Namanu offers an inclusive environment and our program is able to provide a supportive experience for campers with mild special needs. If your child has a disability or behavioral challenges, please call or email the Camp Director before registering. We can help you to determine if Camp Namanu is the appropriate camp for your child or help you find another camp that would best fit your child's needs. All campers are expected to adhere to specific guidelines set forth in the Participation Agreement signed with each camper's registration.

## SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Camp Namanu's kitchen staff are proud of their ability to provide well-balanced meals for every child at camp. A vegetarian option is always available at each meal, but must be requested with registration. Parents of vegan campers or campers with specific food allergies (gluten, peanut, etc.) should call or email the Camp Director to discuss their child's needs and our ability to accommodate them. It is especially important to talk with the Camp Director if your child has airborne allergies or potentially fatal anaphylactic reactions, as these things are more difficult to control in our camp setting.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Camp Fire Columbia and Camp Namanu Programs are open to all people, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, economic status, national origin, or disability.



**"CAMP NAMANU HAS BEEN A TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE FOR OUR 9 YEAR OLD. AMAZING STAFF, GREAT FACILITY, GREAT PROGRAM!"**

**- NAMANU CAMPER PARENT**



# REGISTRATION

**RESIDENT CAMP, RANCH CAMP,  
AND XPLOREGON**

**OPENS JANUARY 12, 2012!**

**DAY CAMP IN THE CITY**

**OPENS FEBRUARY 22, 2012!**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT**

**CAMPFIRECOLUMBIA.ORG**

**Youth are registered on a first-come/first-served basis. Sessions and special activities fill up quickly so register early to reserve your spot!**

## PAYMENTS

A \$125 deposit is due at the time of your registration for Resident Camp, Ranch Camp and Xplorejon. A \$75 deposit is due for Mini Blue Wing and Day Camp in the City. The deposit is applied to your summer program fee.

Summer program fee balances are auto billed.

- On March 12, 2012 - 30% of the base fee for each registration.
- On May 29, 2012 - any remaining balance for each registration.

## CANCELLATIONS

Summer Program registrations cancelled:

- prior to May 1, 2012 will receive a refund minus a \$25 cancellation fee.
- after May 1, 2012 and up to 30 days prior to session start date will receive a refund minus the deposit amount.
- between 21-30 days notice will receive a 75% refund of the program fee.
- with up to 14 days notice will receive a 50% refund of the program fee.
- with up to 7 days notice will receive a 25% refund of the program fee.
- with less than 7 days notice will not receive a refund.

If your child leaves camp early or arrives late due to accident, illness, homesickness, behavior problems, other activities, or camper or parent request, there will be no refunds or prorated fees.

## SESSION TRANSFERS

If you need to change/transfer a summer program session, a \$10 fee will be applied to the registration.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Families who cannot afford the full price of our summer programs may apply for financial assistance. Visit [campfirecolumbia.org](http://campfirecolumbia.org) for more information. Financial Aid Applications are available online.

**For any additional information, contact our Camp Fire Registrars at [registrar@campfirecolumbia.org](mailto:registrar@campfirecolumbia.org).**

# OTHER PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE...



Camp Fire partners with local kids, schools and families to provide diverse, evidence-based programming that supports academic achievement, builds social and life skills, fosters community engagement, and develops career and college readiness.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Kids served:** Over 1,000 youth in nine schools in Portland Public, David Douglas, and Hillsboro school districts.

**Key partners:** Immigrant Refugee Community Organization, Mad Science, Human Solutions, Schoolhouse Supplies, Lewis and Clark College, Ethos Inc., Girls on the Run, Chess for Success, OSU Extension Services, Virginia Garcia Health Centers, Sno-Cap Community Charities, and more.

**Youth-Staff Ratio:** 11:1

**Fun Fact:** Students participating in the Elementary School Program improved their state test scores from last year at a faster rate than their peers.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Kids served:** 300 Academic Priority youth in nine schools in Portland Public School District.

**Key partners:** Portland Public Schools, Open Meadow, and Mt. Scott Learning Center.

**Youth-Staff Ratio:** 12:1

**Fun Fact:** The Middle School Program serves over 50% of the Academic Priority middle school youth in the North and SE school clusters in Portland Public Schools.

## HIGH SCHOOL

**Kids served:** 120 students in three schools identified as at high risk of dropping out.

**Key partners:** David Douglas High School, Mt. Scott Learning Center, and Fir Ridge Campus.

**Youth-Staff Ratio:** 20:1

**Fun Fact:** The High School Program is linked to the city's 9th Grade Counts initiative, which guides youth towards high school graduation, college, and career opportunities.

## CLASSIC CLUB

**Kids served:** 225 across Oregon and SW Washington.

**Key partners:** Give2TheTroops, Inc., Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Humane Society, Portland VA Medical Center, local schools, area shelters, and more.

**Youth-Staff Ratio:** 6:1

**Fun Fact:** Club participants perform over 1,600 collective hours of service to the community each year.