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Our Promise
Young people want to shape the world.
Camp Fire provides the opportunity to find their spark,
lift their voice,
and discover who they are.
In Camp Fire, it begins now.
Light the fire within
President’s Message

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Shirlee Jackert addresses a 2011 Valentines’s Day Tea introducing to the assembled crowd architect Bob Theis. At this event, Shirlee introduced Camp Fire’s bold vision for “re-inventing” Camp Shiwaka as an Urban Forest, a special green place where kids could sample a taste of California ecology, while cooking over a campfire and sleeping under the stars.

This vision has continued to guide Camp Fire’s plans for continued success in the future, with support from a wide array of both private and public funders including the Will J. Reid Foundation, the Miller Foundation, the Evalyn Bauer Foundation, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Farmers & Merchants Bank, the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District, and the Port of Long Beach.
Camp Fire Salutes Shirlee Jackert
Because of Shirlee, Camp Fire is Ready for the Future with...

Community Outreach programs
- Camp Fire groups annually gather holiday gifts through Camp Fire’s Star Tree outreach for children in need including those affected by AIDS. Middle school kids gather each year to wrap the many gifts at an event overseen by Shirlee Jackert.

Afterschool programs
The 1990’s continued Camp Fire’s transition from its original and traditional focus on volunteer-led Camp Fire groups and day and resident camp experiences to an expanded vision of service. With Shirlee’s leadership, Camp Fire joined forces with the Long Beach Unified School District and other youth-serving community organizations to offer afterschool services, now under the banner of WRAP (Winners Reaching Amazing Potential).

Campership programs
Remembering how much camp had meant to her, Shirlee has been a tireless advocate for campership funding. These funds ensure that all kids can experience Camp Wintaka and Camp Shiwaka. Starting with Camp Fire’s own Luggage Tag program, Shirlee sought needed funding each year. In addition, Shirlee led Camp Fire’s participation in the Press Telegram’s annual Send-a-Kid-to-Camp campaign. Her watchful eye and caring heart ensured that Camp Fire was always able to provide meaningful human interest stories.

Challenge Course
Camp Fire’s Challenge Course is an opportunity to team up with a wide range of other organizations to build a better world for kids. Some of our regular participant groups include Alpert Jewish Community Center, Cerritos College, Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership, Maple Village, and Emmanuel Church.

Community Events (pictured at right)
This was a Camp Fire Sunday at Grace First Presbyterian Church. Shirlee is seated behind Kay Halsey, 98 years young this March, and proudly wearing a Camp Fire ceremonial collar.

Other events include the Belmont Shore Holiday Parade, park and school district community events, stocking stuffing events for the downtown homeless, beach clean ups, flag salutes at City Council meetings and the Long Beach Unified School District. Shirlee Jackert encourages community connections and we are the stronger for it!
Camp Fire Salutes Wohelo Recipients

Young people who want to shape the world!

Join us in saluting the six outstanding young people who over the course of their four years in high school completed intensive and individualized preparation through leadership, teaching, service, and advocacy projects.

We salute:

- Lauren Wynne for conducting a drive for WomenShelter Long Beach, collecting 30 boxes of supplies.
- Savannah Voelker for leading a Blood Drive for Cedar Sinai Medical Center. During this one day drive held at Camp Fire, 80 potential donors checked in, resulting in the collection of 70 pints of blood.
- Carolynn Pritchard for refurbishing 2 ceremonial drums and building a long-needed podium stand for the amphitheater.
- Mikaela Munguia for leading fundraising efforts to provide supplies to the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House and for providing direct service there by cooking meals for the families in residence.
- Elise Noriega for refurbishing the middle school youth room at Los Altos United Methodist Church, providing an inviting and welcoming atmosphere.
- Samantha Corbin for her backyard renovation of the Long Beach Rescue Mission Lydia House including the building of 2 benches plus leading a drive resulting in the donation of 25 backpacks filled with school supplies and 25 more backpacks filled with toiletries for kids and teens.
Camp Fire Salutes

After School Academic & Enrichment Programs (WRAP)

Every school day of the year, hundreds of students at six elementary schools in Long Beach gather after school for homework help, outdoor recreation, and for guided practice in topics from reading to arithmetic. Camp Fire offers the Hoopoe Literacy Curriculum, a language arts intervention tool that builds reading and comprehension skills. Camp Fire staff and school site teacher liaisons work together to design interventions for kids struggling to advance to the next grade. Camp Fire elementary school sites include Addams, Cleveland, Henry, Muir, Riley, and Webster.

UpTown Afterschool in the Park (UTAP) began at DeForest Park in North Long Beach on January 7. Now Day Camp begins this summer for six weeks!
Camp Fire Salutes

Volunteer-Led Club Groups

Since 1923, children and teens have joined school and neighborhood-based Camp Fire groups led by well-trained volunteer leaders. These groups build community, explore the world through a research based curriculum where they learn to identify sparks, develop growth mindsets, manage personal progress towards important goals, develop accurate self-reflection skills, and provide service to others. Over time, Camp Fire kids find their voices through civic engagement, develop a strong work ethic, and become advocates for the environment through their outdoor engagement.

Pictured left:
How many batches of brownies can 35 middle schoolers make and bake at one time? When you’re working together in the Camp Fire kitchen, the answer is “many batches.” They loved the results!!

Teen Leadership — Horizon Club, DCAs, CITs, YLTs

Camp Fire teens participate in a veritable alphabet-soup of Teen Leadership programs, all of which are part of the “umbrella” designation of Horizon Club. The fun begins with the Day Camp Aide (DCA) program as incoming 9th graders. Teens complete thorough training and then put those skills to work assisting with camper groups at Camp Shiwaka Day Camp. Later they may apply for the Counselor in Training program which includes a week at resident Camp Wintaka in July. They may also participate in the Youth Leader Team as part of Camp Shiwaka. Finally they prepare for civic engagement through the Horizon Club Community Volunteer Service program.
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BackYard Bunch & Beach Cruisers

These two programs provide campers with a safe, carefree environment that provides all the options families hope for! Both day camps offer field trips, opportunities to cook a meal over the fire once during the week, and theme adventures. Campers learn archery basics, climb the rock wall, sing favorite camp songs, and explore the outdoors. Sports and games provide lots of opportunities for vigorous physical exercise. These camps are accredited with the American Camp Association, ensuring that Camp Fire meets up-to-the-minute standards. For busy parents, these camps provide quality alternatives for summer fun. All of this is possible because of well-trained, caring staff!

Camp Wintaka…the Happy Camp on the Mountain

Since 1958, this gift from Will J. Reid in honor of his daughter Virginia Reid Moore, has provided generations of Camp Fire campers the experience of a lifetime! This is home for a week, and campers and counselors form bonds that last a lifetime.

Campers fill cabins spread out over acres and acres of pine and oak trees, and excited happy voices fill the air with songs and laughter. Camp Wintaka inspires independence and responsibility among campers and staff alike.

Camp capers keep everyone busy, and each day is filled with dance rehearsals, time at the archery range aiming for “wetheads,” crafts, and pool time. When the last of the homemade ice cream is gobbled up, the all-camp dance is over, and the final stargazing has occurred, the wait begins till next year!

(pictured above) Delicious meals are shared in the dining hall — salad bar is a big hit! — followed by camp songs led by the Counselors-in-Training.
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Evelyn M. Bauer Foundation
S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation
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City of Lakewood
City of Long Beach
Cleveland Elementary School
Connolly-Pacific Co.
Conservation Corps of Long Beach
DeForest Park Neighborhood Association
Dooley Elementary School
Emigh Dental Care
Farmers & Merchants Trust Company of Long Beach
Friends of Long Beach Firefighters
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Ganahl Lumber
Grace First Presbyterian Church
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Bixby Knolls Kiwanis Foundation
Lakewood Village Community Church
L.A. Sheriff’s V.I.D.A. Program
Leadership Long Beach
Long Beach Community Foundation
Long Beach Firefighters Local #372
Long Beach Health and Human Services
Long Beach Non Profit Partnership
Long Beach Police Department
Long Beach Press Telegram Send-A-Kid to Camp Fund
Long Beach Unified School District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Los Angeles County Department of Education
Los Angeles County Regional Parks & Open Space District
McBride High School
The Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation
John Muir Academy
Stacy Mungo, Councilwoman, District 5, Long Beach
New Hope Grief Support
Nowlin Fence
Michelle Obama Library
Port of Long Beach
Will J. Reid High School
Will J. Reid Foundation
Riley Elementary School
Rex Richardson, Councilmember, District 9, Long Beach
Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
Signal Hill Police Department
Southern California Edison
Southland Trees & Landscape
Totum Consulting
Uptown Long Beach Lions Club
Bob Hope USO at LAX
VA Long Beach Health Care System
Walters Wholesale Electric Company
Water Replenishment District of Southern California
Webster Elementary School
Wells Fargo Foundation
Windes

Pictured in the first row (left to right) are Sue Walters, Nancy McGrath, Alvina Waller, and Shirlee Jackert. Standing in the middle row are Larry Boyle and Ginnie Wilcox. In the back row (l. to r.) are George Waller, Tim Jackert, and Loyd Wilcox. This intrepid group of friends of Camp Fire banded together as the “Woodsmen” and together they provided countless hours of service to Camp Shiwaka!

What would we have done without their loyal service?
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Income Summary by Account

Program Fees 66.41%
Rental Income 9.05%
Grants 7.52%
Fundraiser/Special Events 4.47%
Annual Candy Sale (net) 4.04%
Campership/Luggage Tags 2.30%
Membership Dues 1.60%
Investment Income 1.50%
Gifts/Pledges 1.37%
Contribution Income 1.31%
Others 0.43%
TOTAL $1,801,279

Expense Summary by Account

Payroll Expenses 70.45%
Entrance Fees 6.45%
Insurance 4.34%
Supplies 3.36%
Occupancy 3.32%
Charter Fees 2.69%
Transportation & Travel 2.10%
Professional Fees 1.84%
Miscellaneous 1.83%
Printing & Artwork 0.86%
Others 2.66%
TOTAL $1,799,742

Income Summary by Class

Out Of School Time 52.83%
Environmental & Camps 25.57%
Management & Gen Adm 12.47%
Teen Service & Leadership 5.25%
Other Programs 2.28%
Fundraising 1.35%
Store 0.20%
Shiwaka Project 0.05%
TOTAL $1,801,279

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Out Of School Time 49.69%
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