

Exciting New Partnership



Camp Fire USA West Michigan Council has embarked on an exciting new collaboration with the Optimist Club of Grand Rapids. The Optimist Club owns a camp on the northwest side of Grand Rapids and Camp Fire will be using this camp during the summer. Starting in July, all of our summer programs will be going out to the camp at least one day a week. Currently, we have 11 summer program sites, so each day a few different sites will be at the camp to really have an educational and fun outdoor experience. This Spring has been very busy for Camp Fire as we worked to get the camp ready for our Camp Fire kids. We can't wait to share pictures of their fun summer in the great outdoors!

AmeriCorps Service Project

The word "service" took on a whole new meaning on May 18th for the AmeriCorps members of Camp Fire. The members collaborated with Region 1 Transitional Services (RITS) staff and students in Cedar Spring for their community service project during AmeriCorps week. The day was kicked-off with Cedar Springs Mayor Charlie Watson's welcoming the group and speaking about the importance of community and volunteerism. The members worked with RITS students to complete landscaping projects, built bookshelves for their resale store, cleaned out storage buildings and made repairs to the outside of the building. As one AmeriCorps member wrote, "I know that this day was a success. The RITS students felt appreciated and the service we accomplished did make a difference and touched the lives of 44 students. That day we came together as complete strangers but left as friends." Great Job AmeriCorps members.



Champions for Kids Luncheon



Come and get to know us at this fundraising event!

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

11:30 a.m. Registration

12:00 Lunch

Kent Country Club

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