

Youth Development Program: Camp Fire USA

Camp Fire USA is one of the nation's leading not-for-profit youth development organizations, currently serving nearly 750,000 children and youth annually. Founded in 1910, Camp Fire USA's outcome-based programs include youth leadership, self-reliance, after school groups, camping and environmental education and child care.

Serving youth from birth to 21, Camp Fire USA helps boys and girls learn - and play - side by side in comfortable, informal settings. Our coed programs allow parents to consolidate schedules for both their daughters and sons.

Mission:

Camp Fire USA builds caring, confident youth and future leaders.



Core Values:

Camp Fire USA adheres to 12 core values that guide the development of programs and the organization as a whole:

- We believe that children and youth are our most precious resources.
- We believe in an approach to youth development that builds assets and empowers Individuals.
- We believe that the best youth development occurs in small groups where children and youth are actively involved in creating their own learning.
- We are committed to coeducation, providing opportunities for boys, girls and families to develop together.
- We provide caring, trained mentors to work with children and youth.
- We are inclusive, welcoming children, youth and adults regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or other aspect of diversity.
- We respect and celebrate nature.
- We foster leadership, engaging children and youth to give service and make decisions in a democratic society.
- We provide safe, fun and nurturing environments for children and youth.
- We enrich parents' and other adults' lives by expanding their skills and encouraging them to share their talents and build relationships with children and youth.
- We respond to community needs with our programs and expertise.
- We advocate on behalf of children, youth and families.

Programs:

Five essential elements derived from the mission statement and core values 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.

In Camp Fire USA programs, youth meet regularly in small groups with other youth and participate in a variety of activities. Youth develop partnerships with adults as they build self-esteem and master skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. Club members have the opportunity to earn recognition items as the complete special projects.