

# FIRESIDE NEWS

CAMP FIRE USA

GULF WIND COUNCIL, INC.

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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Good Music, Art & Children's Festival



Camp Fire USA Gulf Wind Council is proud to announce that they have been chosen as the featured children's organization for this year's Greater Good Music, Art and Children's Festival! The festival, held at Adventures Unlimited in Milton, Florida, will take place March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. The festival generates awareness each year to local children's organizations.

The festival provides lots of family-friendly fun with music, art, and children's activities. The music will include 24 different bands from folk to funk, along with artists and craftsmen displaying their work. Because the three-day festival is held at beautiful Adventures Unlimited, camping and lodging will be available to spend the weekend!

If you're interested in learning more or want to purchase tickets for the Greater Good Music, Art and Children's Festival, please visit their website at [www.Greatergoodmusicandart.com](http://www.Greatergoodmusicandart.com) or call 850-438-3453.

If you would like to volunteer, call our office at 850-476-1760.

Please come out and support Camp Fire USA!

## The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

It's that time of year again! It's time to remind kids how absolutely incredible they are! March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 marks Camp Fire USA's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual AIKD and Camp Fire wants it even bigger and better than last year's!

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day is a national letter-writing campaign where kids receive hand-written letters of support and encouragement from parents and adults. Although the letters just take a few short minutes to write, the impact on children is huge!

The CFUSA Gulf Wind Council will be participating in AIKD and encouraging parents, adults and other community figures to participate as well.

If you would like more information about Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, please visit our website [www.campfirekids.org](http://www.campfirekids.org) or visit our national website at [www.campfireusa.org](http://www.campfireusa.org).



## Developing Youth to Their Full Potential

Yes, I want to help develop young people to their full potential

Part of Camp Fire's Mission is to develop youth to their full potential. We are able to accomplish this by providing programs to youth through our community. If you would like to help with the development of youth, please complete the form below and return it to:

Camp Fire USA Gulf Wind Council, Inc.  
1814 Creighton Road  
Pensacola, Florida 32504-7212

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift for : \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ Other

This gift is in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please send an acknowledgement to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

- New/Increased gift
- Please list my gift as anonymous
- Please restrict my gift for: \_\_\_\_\_ (purpose/program)
- I would like more information about Camp Fire USA

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Have some special news  
You want to share with  
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Shea at the office,  
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## Upcoming Dates and Reminders

**Feb. 24** – Santa Rosa DJJ Meeting  
**Mar. 4-6** – Greater Good Music,  
Art and Children's Festival  
**Mar. 14-18** – CFUSA Celebrating  
101 years  
Mar. 17 – Absolutely Incredible  
Kid Day  
**Mar. 14-18** – Santa Rosa County  
Spring Break  
**Apr. 1** – Escambia DJJ Meeting  
**Apr. 10-16** – Volunteer  
Appreciation Week  
**Apr. 22** – Good Friday  
**Apr. 25-29** – Escambia County  
Spring Break

**Be sure to check out our  
Facebook Page!**

## CAMP FIRE USA

### CORE VALUES

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 co-education, providing opportunity for boys, girls, and families together.

We provide caring, trained, mentors to work with children and youth.

We are inclusive, welcoming children, youth and adults regardless of age, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, or other aspects 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 to 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.

### CAMP FIRE MISSION

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

### CAMP FIRE LAW

Worship God  
Seek Beauty  
Give Service  
Pursue  
Knowledge  
Be Trustworthy  
Hold on to Health  
Glorify Work  
Be Happy

### The Four C's

Camp Fire USA offers quality programs reflective of best practices in four core Program Areas because Camp Fire USA...

Cares

Camps

Contributes

Connects

## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS Veterans



In 1978, Camp Fire USA issued a call to citizens to volunteer at a Veteran's Administration (VA) hospital or outpatient clinic, performing a wide variety of tasks including clerical work, answering phones, escorting veterans to and from appointments, and simply sending or delivering cards to veterans at the nearest medical center. This call to action has become the National Salute to Veterans, held in conjunction with the Department of Veteran's Affairs and observed the week of Valentine's Day.

Again this year, councils and youth members across the country will express sentiments of caring and sharing in order to honor and appreciate our country's veterans.

Camp Fire USA Gulf Wind Council salutes the men and women of our armed forces during February 2011.



## DID YOU KNOW?

We all of course know February as the month of love, chocolates and flowers, but do we really know the meaning behind it all? Although there is no known solid history of Valentine's Day, we do know this holiday is named after a Roman cleric named Saint Valentine. The most widely known history is that in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century, the Roman Empire had placed a ban on marriages for young men to keep them from becoming distracted from their work duties. It is said that St. Valentine held secret marriages in opposition to the ban. St. Valentine was eventually caught and arrested and while awaiting his sentence in prison, he fell in love with the daughter of the jailor. She and St. Valentine had developed a close relationship through lengthy love letters, but before too long, he was going to be sentenced to death. Before his execution, St. Valentine wrote a farewell letter to her, signed, "*From Your Valentine.*" History claims that's where we got the expression!



# LEARNING CENTERS AND AFTER SCHOOL NEWS

## Century Youth Learning Center

In February, the children at Century's Youth Learning Center are learning about Groundhog Day, Black History Month and Dental Health. But let's not forget Valentine's Day! They will also be busy making valentine cards for the residents at the Century Care Center and the local veterans. In January, Century made special snowmen out of balloons and ice! It was a science, math, and language project all in one!

## PSC Child Development Center

In February, the children at PSC's Child Development Center are certainly staying busy with Valentine's Day activities! In addition to learning about Valentine's Day, they will also be decorating Valentine cookies and making Valentine cards for the veterans. Also this month, the children will be learning about weather, USA leaders and Presidents, and Black History Month. Their color this month is pink, shape is heart, letters are R and V, and numbers are 18, 19, and 20.

## Longleaf After-School Program

In February, the children at Longleaf Elementary After-School Program are doing projects for the many February holidays! They will be making projects for Groundhog Day, President's Day, and Black History Month. In addition, they will of course be making special Valentine gifts for the CFUSA project Salute to Veterans. On Valentine's Day, the After-School program will be having a Valentine's Day party with special treats and activities.

## Milton Youth Learning Center

In February, the children at Milton Youth Learning Center will have a special event in addition to the annual CFUSA Salute to Veterans project. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority from the University of West Florida will be holding the second annual Heart to Heart Fun at the center. The girls from Alpha Gam will have Valentine refreshments and fun activities for the children.

### LIVE IT ~ LEARN IT



Pam Calloway, Behavior Counselor for Okaloosa County Schools presently has 35 simulation babies for teaching abstinence. The

program works to prevent teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Counselors from the Santa Rosa County School District will have training sessions March through April. Camp Fire USA would like to thank the counselors for their dedication to this program.

### Activity Idea of the Month



#### Valentine Card Craft

Supplies needed: 1) Brown paper bag, 2) Pinking shears or scissors, 3) Single hole punch, 4) Red or pink ribbon or thick yarn, and 5) Markers or crayons

1. Cut a large heart from the brown paper bag using the pinking shears or scissors (when using scissors, cut in a zig-zag pattern).
2. Using the hole punch, make a series of holes around the edges of the heart. Make an even number of holes.
3. String the ribbon or yarn through the holes. Tie the ends in a bow.
4. Write a message or draw a picture on the Valentine Card.