

FIRESIDE NEWS

CAMP FIRE USA

GULF WIND COUNCIL, INC.

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Happy Birthday to Camp Fire USA!

Camp Fire USA celebrates its 101st birthday March 17, 2011.



The 15th Annual Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

It's that time of year again! It's time to remind kids how absolutely incredible they are! March 17th, 2011 marks Camp Fire USA's 15th 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 enormous!

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 or visit our national website at www.campfireusa.org.



All Camp Fire USA supporters, staff and families alike, should be proud to know that Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan has written an Absolutely Incredible Kid Day letter to all of the children of Escambia County! Sheriff Morgan was more than willing to participate and pleased to know that Camp Fire USA was engaging in such an activity! Sheriff Morgan's letter will hopefully be released in our local newspapers soon, so be on the lookout!

Camp Fire USA was thrilled to learn that a strong community figure such as Sheriff David Morgan supported our mission in the AIKD letter writing. We hope his involvement will inspire more individuals to participate in AIKD and support our letter writing campaign!

To the Left: Sheriff David Morgan writes an AIKD letter to local children.

LEARNING CENTERS AND AFTER SCHOOL NEWS

Century Youth Learning Center

This month, the children at Century Youth Learning Center are busy as usual! On March 2nd, Century celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with the obligatory green eggs and ham. They celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day by reading the story and planting an apple tree! In addition, they will engage in fun activities for St. Patrick's Day, First Week of Spring, and National Goof Off Day. National Goof Off Day will allow them to read, play games, dance, watch movies and play outside all day!

PSC Child Development Center

In March, the PSC Child Development Center has lots of activities planned!

March 8th was PSC's Mardi Gras Parade! The week of March 14th-17th, the children will be busy with activities for Absolutely Incredible Day, Camp Fire USA's 101st Birthday, Spring, and St. Patrick's Day.

They will also be learning about Plants and Gardens. This month, their color is green, shape is clover, letters are J and Q, and numbers are 1,3 and 5.

Longleaf After-School Program

Longleaf After-School Director Ms. Becky is certainly keeping her students busy this month with lots of crafts! Just a few of their craft activities include paper bird houses, paper butterflies, tissue flowers, clover pins, flower mobiles, aluminum garden wind spinners, and more! They are surely embracing Spring this month! But don't worry, she gives them plenty of outside free play to enjoy the Spring weather!

Milton Youth Learning Center

At Milton Youth Learning Center, it was another successful year for Greens Eggs and Ham with Alpha Gam! Each year, the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority from the University of West Florida visits Milton to help the children celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday. The children not only ate green eggs and ham, but also got to play "Pin the Eggs on the Plate," and make Cat in the Hat headbands and bookmarks!

Upcoming Dates and Reminders

Mar. 14-18 – CFUSA Celebrating 101 years

Mar. 14-18 – Santa Rosa County Spring Break

Mar. 17 – Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

Apr. 1 – Escambia DJJ Meeting

Apr. 10-15 – Volunteer Appreciation Week

Apr. 22 – Good Friday & Earth Day

Apr. 25-29 – Escambia County Spring Break

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