

# THE FLAME

Camp Fire USA Central New York Council

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## Camp Fire USA....Nothing Compares!

Camp Fire USA's unique niche in the youth development movement in America is based upon the following:

- Camp Fire USA builds caring, confident youth and future leaders. We serve youth of all races, religions, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or other aspect of diversity.
- Camp Fire USA's coeducational programs help both boys and girls cultivate their own unique talents and skills
- Camp Fire USA's programs offer all families whatever shape that they may be, opportunities to participate in life enhancing experiences along with time to serve, play and grow together.
- We believe that the best youth development takes place in small groups, where youth have opportunities to interact with trained adults and other youth in a safe, fun environment.

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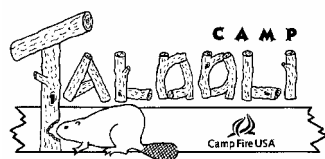
Five essential elements drive every program we offer. **We are youth centered.** Youth actively determine program content and activities. Their accomplishments are recognized and valued. Personal skill building and decision making, critical components of all programming, progressively build confidence and leadership in youth. **We engage the entire family in fun and outcome rich activities.** We are youth centered and family focused incorporating the whole family in programming. **We build youth adult partnerships.** All pro-

grams are about doing "with" youth, not about delivering to youth. For example, we have youth on our Board of Directors and they were key to the development of our latest Strategic Plan. **We are welcoming and inclusive.** We require no oath or participation in rituals that may create barriers to inclusiveness. **We provide service to others.** We have always been a service organization and our youth have responded to their community needs in the Central New York Community since 1925.



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### Council Office Hours

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8:30 - 4:30

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# Annual Meeting

**Camp Fire USA Central New York Council  
Holiday Party  
Honoring Joan Dunham  
long time Camp Fire USA Volunteer and Staffer**

**December 6, 2004  
Harmony Restaurant  
58 Oswego Street  
Baldwinsville, New York 13027  
7:00 PM**

The program will include a buffet, a short business meeting, a chance to make new friends, and a celebration of Joan's time with Camp Fire USA.

To help defray the cost, donations will be accepted at the door. Please RSVP by 12/3/04.

## Camp Fire USA Staff

Executive Director	Sue Dodge
Camp Director	Jan Peneston
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Administrative Assistant	Debbie Waugh
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## Small Groups Forming.....Don't Miss Out!

Traditional Small Group Programming (Club) is one of the tried and true ways to carry out the Camp Fire USA mission. The club or small group program, which children may join at any age, offers a mix of fun activities, projects, events and experiences to help develop planning and decision making skills, as well as skills related to participants' individual interests.

With the outcome-based curriculum

of club, children learn to work and play together, and they get involved in service projects, which help them become responsible citizens concerned about their communities and society.

Camp Fire USA clubs typically meet weekly with 2 or more adults who have volunteered their time to be trained. Meetings are held

after school, evenings or weekends.

The clubs all revolve around the four important qualities: Progression, Inclusiveness, Youth Adult Partnership and Recognition.

To sign up or find out more information, call Lindy at 463-8799.

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## Youth Arts Initiative Goes on the Road

The Youth Arts Initiative, made possible by a grant from the Metlife Foundation, has dramatically influenced the lives of 50 youth in Central New York. The youth, aged 10 - 14, came together each month throughout the last school year and had the opportunity to learn from artists. Each youth chose a



Painting, sculpture, drama, drawing and photography were the mediums offered.

medium studied it, practiced with it, created a finished piece and then presented his/her creation at an exhibition held at Syracuse Stage.

While participating in the program each youth was exposed to and had an opportunity for interaction with artists, hands-on involvement in the

arts, opportunities for career exploration, greater awareness of the arts in their community and interaction with a diverse group of peers while making new friendships.

This year the Arts Initiative will allow us the opportunity to expand into the Utica Area.

# Summer 2004 at Talooli ... Nothing Compares !

As a Camp Fire USA program, Camp Talooli incorporates the mission and the five essential elements into every facet of the Talooli program. We are youth centered. Each summer the campers and staff come together to create a model community of working, planning and playing together. In this community, all children are welcome. In their small "family" groups, the children become the focal point and the decision makers.



As a new summer of camp experiences emerges from the melting winter snows, the wild pine forest of Camp Talooli may never be quite the same....but with a little luck , support and commitment for our capital campaign vision, song birds and children will sing in even greater numbers around the campfire at Camp Talooli for years to come.

## Experience Talooli In All Seasons

School Breaks at Talooli are very special. Staff and campers create art, cook meals, bake snacks, and play games. During the February break everyone explores Talooli while it is covered with a blanket of snow. They look for animal tracks, make snowmen, build awesome forts and go sled riding. April break arrives and everyone is anxiously looking for those signs of spring and the return of the robins and the beautiful spring wildflowers. Both breaks offer campers the opportunity to make friends and choose from a range of both inside and outside activities.

Transportation, lunch and snacks are provided at Winter and Spring Camp at Talooli. Registration forms will be mailed out in December or you can download one from our website [www.campfireusacny.org](http://www.campfireusacny.org).

### Council Calendar

#### November 2004

- 11 Veteran's Day - Office Closed
- 12 Office Closed
- 15 Art Program - Utica
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed
- TBA Camp Fire USA night in Phoenix
- TBA Camp Fire USA night in Camillus

#### December 2004

- 5 Syracuse Stage - "The Big River"
- 6 Camp Fire USA Annual Meeting
- 6 Art Program - Utica
- 24 Christmas Holiday - Office Closed
- 31 New Year's Holiday - Office Closed

#### January 2005

- 17 Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed
- 24 Camp Fire USA Volunteer Night
- 31 Board of Directors Meeting

#### February 2005

- 13 Sledding Party at Talooli
- 13 Valentines for Vets Due
- 21-25 Winter Break at Talooli
- 28 Board of Directors Meeting

#### March 2005

- 7 Candy Sale Training
- 10-23 Candy Sale
- 17 Camp Fire USA Birthday and Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
- 28 Board of Directors Meeting

#### April 2005

- 11 Volunteer Training
- Getting Ready for Camping
- 18-22 Spring Break at Talooli
- 25 Board of Directors Meeting
- TBA Family Life Expo

#### May 2005

- 15 Open House at Talooli
- 23 Board of Directors Meeting
- 30 Memorial Day - Office Closed
- TBA Art Initiative Exhibition

#### June 2005

- 3 - 4 Council Camp Out
- 5 Open House at Talooli
- 26 -1 Summer Staff Training

#### Summer at Talooli

##### July 2005

- 5-8 Mini Resident Camp
- 5,11,18,25 Day Camp
- 10,17,24,31 Resident Camp

##### August 2005

- 1, 8, 15 Day Camp
- 7 Resident Camp

#### September 2005

- 18 Camp Fire USA Golf Tournament

**Contributions 7/1/03 - 6/30/04**

**Capital Campaign Contributions**

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