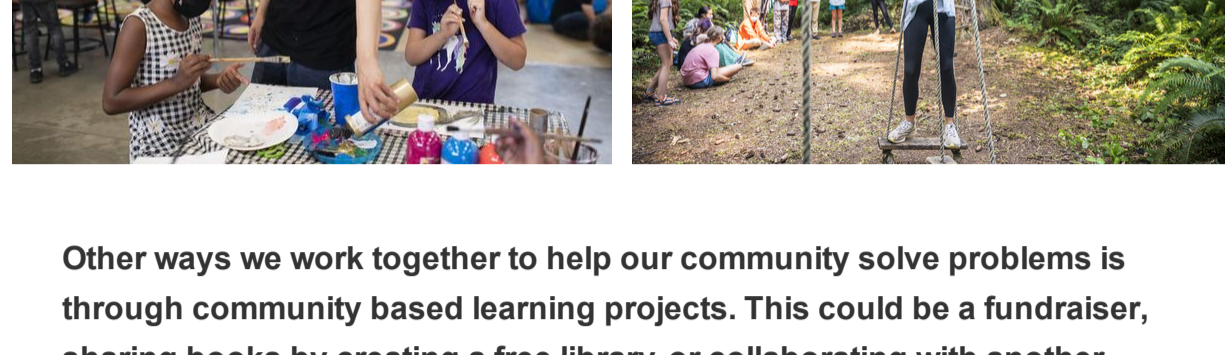




What is community? This is a question we often reflect on at Camp Fire. Community can look like many different things. Sometimes it's a group of individuals who hold the same values, live in the same neighborhood or go to the same school. In the last year we have created a way to not only give back to our community but to grow, foster and strengthen it by introducing a **new approach to financial aid called Collective Care.**

We strongly believe that everyone deserves access to high quality childcare, but access to childcare programming is largely dependent on a family's ability to pay. **Our hope is that our Camp Fire families can work together with us to help create accessible programming for all.**

Camp Fire is investing agency funds to support our families, and now we are inviting families to help pitch in too when entering our Before & After School Programming. **Collective Care is everyone contributing as much as they are able, so everyone can benefit!** For example, if your family has more financial stability and can give, those funds will go directly to another Before & After School family who needs support. If your family is in need of financial support, we want to know what you can afford so we can be there collectively to make access to childcare a reality. Our model is based on trust, and a belief that when we have the chance, we will all show up for each other. Helping others is an important part of belonging to a community, and working together and supporting each other makes us stronger overall.



**Other ways we work together to help our community solve problems is through community based learning projects. This could be a fundraiser, sharing books by creating a free library, or collaborating with another nonprofit!** Watch and learn more about the impacts of a Camp Fire community based learning project in collaboration with a youth shelter, **Porch Light** in the interactive video below.



### Program Updates

**We are excited to invite you to participate in our end of year campaign: One Camp Fire for All: Sometimes a Single Spark is All It Takes!**

We're asking everyone to give generously before year's end to keep the Camp Fire Spark shining bright in 2022. Your support of any amount will help us to reach our goal of providing living wages and benefits for staff, and scholarships for youth to camp and after school programs. **Join us by making a donation today, or simply sharing on your social media.** Together we can make life changing youth programming accessible to more! All it takes is one spark.

GIVE TODAY

Teen Programs recently shared reflections from program with one of our supporters, Portland Children's Levy (PCL). Because of the generous support from organizations like PCL across our programs in Lane, George and Harrison Park Middle Schools we were able to provide \$4,750 in financial assistance for families during the pandemic. This looked like assistance with rent, grocery gift cards, meals and other support. As Antonio, a Harrison Park Middle School Mentor shared, **"At Camp Fire we believe that in order for us to show up in the lives of our youth as best we can, we must establish a positive relationship with their adult advocates at home."**

**Camp Namanu summer 2022 registration has opened!** A record breaking number of campers are signing up early so don't hold off on signing up your camper for a memorable summer. Financial assistance is available and applications are online.

REGISTER FOR SUMMER 2022

**The Sherwood Project at Camp Namanu broke ground this past week!**

This year we received a grant to redesign the Sherwood cabins to be more inclusive and accessible for campers and year-round users alike. Watch the groundbreaking event to catch glimpses of what the cabins will soon be!

SHERWOOD GROUNDBREAKING

Before & After School has **begun a partnership with Student Nutrition and Activity Clinic for Kids (SNACK)** in McMinnville which will bring Medical/Nursing student interns from Linfield into our programs once a week to provide activities and learning around healthy foods, cooking projects, and gym activities.



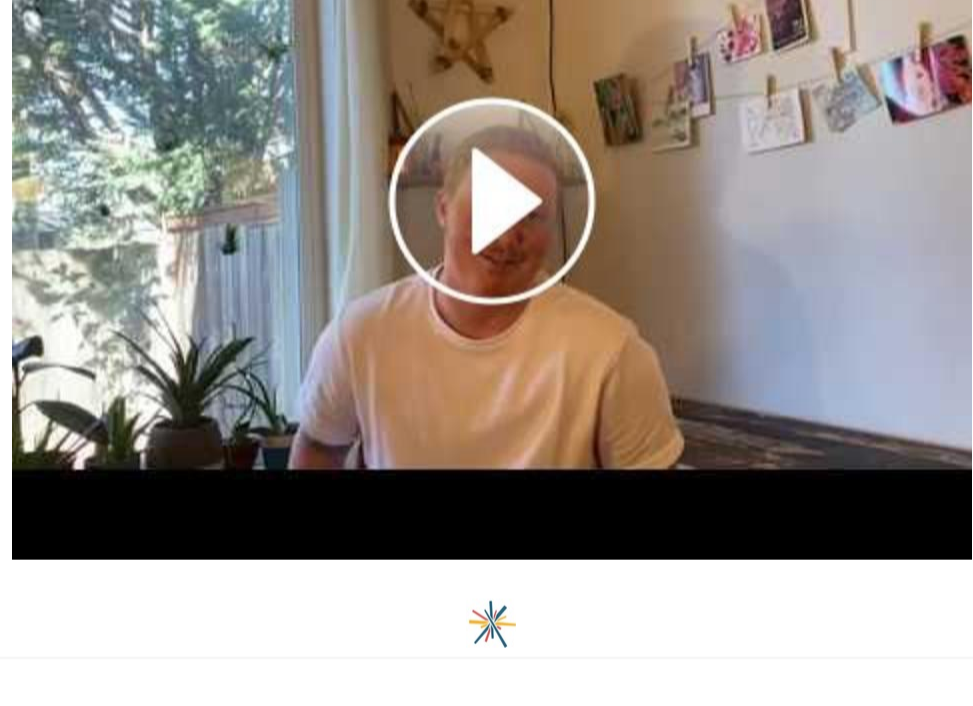
### Fun Activities!



**Book of the month: An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People (ReVisioning History for Young People) by Jean Mendoza, Debbie Reese (Adaptors) and Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Author).** Spanning more than 400 years, this classic bottom-up history examines the legacy of Indigenous peoples' resistance, resilience, and steadfast fight against imperialism.

To win this book reply to this email and share with us what community is to you!

**Activity of the month:** How to make your own obstacle course



### Events

**Ornament Hunt:** Now through January 1st. The Willamette Valley Visitors Association has hidden 200 wooden ornaments along non-wilderness trails in the Willamette and Umpqua National Forests. Each one includes a Willamette Valley leather patch and instructions on how to register to win a trophy. Though you might have a light sweat to get one, there are worse holiday traditions than hiking in the woods. [willamettevalley.org/ornaments](http://willamettevalley.org/ornaments)

**MESO Holiday Pop-Up market:** Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m through December 24th at 1237 NE Alberta , Portland , OR , 97211. Holiday pop-up market hosted by MESO, a community nonprofit organization that elevates and empowers historically excluded and under-resourced entrepreneurs with tailored business assistance and flexible capital to build family wealth through small business ownership. The market will showcase products from local businesses from low-income and BIPOC communities.



### Friends of Namanu Corner

**The Friends of Namanu steering committee is looking for volunteers to serve on FON Committees.** Have a passion for communications, environmental stewardship, events, the camp store or fundraising? Contact Josey to get connected to the committee Chairs! FON Coordinator Josey Larsell [38windrose@comcast.net](mailto:38windrose@comcast.net)

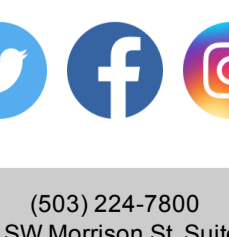
**Buy your Camp Fire candy!** Each box of candy sold helps a camper attend Camp Namanu this coming summer. Use the drop down menu to choose a unique camper who's selling the candy. Choose from delicious peppermint patties, almond caramel clusters, and almond roca.

CAMP FIRE CANDY STORE

### How to Buy Camp Fire Candy!

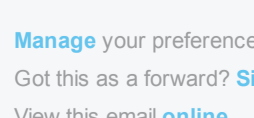
1. Choose a name from the Product Category drop down list - each name listed is a camper raising money to go to camp this summer. You can buy from one or many campers!
2. Select all of the delicious Camp Fire Candy you want to purchase.
3. Create your account and checkout.

**Now Celebrate!**  
Because every box of candy sold helps send a candy seller and another camper to Camp Namanu!



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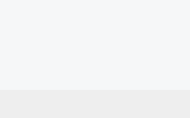
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