



# Camp Fire

Light the fire within



*2015 Annual Report*



The truth is  
that Camp  
Tannadoonah  
means *home*.

- Camper

Camp  
Tannadoonah is  
my safe haven.

- Camper

His social skills  
improved  
tremendously in  
the one week he  
spent at camp .

- Parent

My child gained  
experience being  
independent.  
She loved the  
activities and the  
choices available  
to her.

- Parent



### Our Promise

Young people want to shape the world. Camp Fire provides the opportunity to find their spark, lift their voice, and discover who they are. In Camp Fire, it begins *now*. Light the fire within.

### Our Council

Camp Fire River Bend is creating new experiences for the youth of our community. All of our programs are co-ed, youth-oriented, and inclusive. Our kids develop the self-reliance and confidence that comes from exploration and creation. We teach youth about community and how they can make the world a better place. For more than 90 years, Camp Fire River Bend has given thousands of kids an opportunity to grow.

### National

Camp Fire is one of the nation's leading not-for-profit youth development organizations, serving nearly 750,000 children and youth annually. Camp Fire National Headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., provides all-inclusive, coeducational programs across the United States. Camp Fire's outcome-based programs include youth leadership, after school groups, camping, environmental education, and child care.

*In Camp Fire,  
it begins NOW.*

## President's Report

Nine years ago I began my journey with Camp Fire River Bend. (Actually my journey with Camp Fire began much earlier as a Blue Bird in Minnesota.) I feel so lucky to have served as a nurse, a board member, and now the President.

Camp Tannadoonah has had a bit of a face lift this past year. When you come for a visit you may notice our brand new store porch that has doubled in size. The porch is a wonderful place for the campers and counselors to hang out, unplugged, playing cards and creating unique camp crafts. With our camp numbers growing each year, we need more space for everyone.

Another brand new addition is the pier, which is now safer and no one is getting splinters. Our many volunteers have also painted the outside of many cabins to give the whole camp a fresh look.

This coming year our plan is to expand our year round programming to include an after school program. Life is never boring in the Camp Fire world!



We're also happy to report two unique fundraising milestones that occurred this year. Our Pours 'n Smores event kicked off our Give Local day of giving. If you attended our Pours 'n Smores event, you got to hear about how attending camp has a measurably positive impact on a child's life. Children return to school and talk and write about their life changing experiences at camp. Many have become role models for their peers who look to their future time at camp.

We also received an increase in funding from United Way which will allow us to offer a second week of camp to some of our scholarship campers. During their weeks they will also be experiencing a reading enrichment program with a reading buddy each day. We can't wait to help our campers light the fire within.

Camp Tannadoonah is fortunate enough to have the most passionate and dedicated employees. Happy Anniversary to Miss Amber and Miss Peggy, who are celebrating 10 years of working at camp. The growth and success of Camp Tannadoonah is due to hardworking people such as them. Finally the biggest THANK YOU to our donors who have made our many improvements possible. Thank you also to our volunteers, including outboard of directors, for your hard work. Your efforts continue to help kids find their spark.

**Cindy Krupp**  
Board President

### Board Officers

President	Cindy Krupp
Vice President	Bill Karban
Treasurer	Tom Kuhn
Secretary	Sharon Hayward

### Council Staff

Executive Director, Camp Director	Amber Grundy, Ph.D.
School Year Activities Director	Peggy Laskowski
Ranger	Cullen McKinley
Assistant Camp Director	Kayla Freeze

### October 2014- October 2015 Members at Large

Diane Coiro	Phil Iapalucci	Bill Karban	Tony Laskowski (Oct - April)
Amy Lutz	Cory Marlow	Andrew Roche	Patti Russwurm (Oct - March)
Neil Waechter (Oct - July)	Glenda Williams (Oct - Sept)	Sue Williams	Greg Wuszke

## Executive Director's Report

Over the past year, we continued our efforts to strengthen our programming and make improvements to the facilities at Camp Tannadoonah. We had one of the biggest years in our history for camper numbers at Tannadoonah, and we made substantial upgrades to buildings on the camp property.

We had over 400 youth and their families who participated in our activities throughout the school year, including the traditional club program, a harvest party, craft workshop, weekend camping trips, service projects, nature hikes, and our annual Fun Run and Fun Fair. The 10 youth who took part in the Fun Run raised \$750 for the council.

We made a number of major facilities improvements at Camp Tannadoonah this year. These improvements were largely made possible by generosity of donors who supported these projects. We replaced the waterfront pier with a brand new aluminum pier system, which is a huge improvement over the old pier! The camp store got a brand new porch and roof, we shored up the foundation of Main Lodge, and completed the interior renovations to the four Adventure Cabins. Volunteers also painted the exteriors of several buildings, and a new generator was donated and installed at the dining hall.

Our camper numbers at Tannadoonah were the highest we have seen in many years (if ever). We had a total of 847 campers for the 2015 season, a nearly 4% increase from last year. We are thrilled with the ongoing growth of our summer camp programming. We were able to provide over \$25,000 in campership funding to 63 campers throughout the summer. We continued our partnership with Beardsley Elementary School in Elkhart, bringing 20 youth from that school to camp through the campership program.

At the end of the year, our board voted to start a new after school program for the coming year. We are excited to venture into new areas for our year-round programming and bring the Camp Fire Spark to new youth in our community.

We are very grateful to the tremendous volunteers we have, who help us make it possible to offer such high quality programming to our youth. This summer at camp we had more than 30 people who volunteered a week or more of their time to lead programs. During the school year we have countless individuals who volunteer to lead club groups, help at events, and serve on our board and committees. Thank you all for your time and efforts to help River Bend Camp Fire *light the fire within.*

**Amber M. Grundy, Ph.D.**  
Executive Director





**CAMP TANNADOONAH**

**My child came home from camp and would love to go again. I knew she felt safe and enjoyed herself. - Parent**

## Camp Tannadoonah

Our resident camp is a traditional overnight camp, set in a wooded area along the shores of beautiful Birch Lake in southwestern Michigan. Camping activities for boys and girls include sailing, swimming, archery, nature, drama, sports, games, and lots of outdoor enjoyment.

### Director's Note

2015 was the biggest summer we have ever had at Camp Tannadoonah, with more than 840 campers! We had a number of international staff this summer, which was a fun new experience. New activities this year included Journalism Camp, a canoe trip on the river, and a slingshot range. Our wonderful crew of volunteers continue to make it possible for us to develop great new programs to offer to our campers!

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Total Campers</b>	471	647	706	635	818	847
<b>Unique Campers</b>	457	483	528	479	628	659
<b>Campership Awards</b>	\$23,703	\$25,767	\$22,150	\$22,000	\$29,108	\$25,405

## School Year Activities

Activity	Youth	Adults
7 Club Groups	49	13
Harvest Party	23	27
Bowling	6	11
Craft Workshop	39	24
Ceramic Workshop	28	10
Ice Skating	20	10
Fun Fair	175	75
Fun Run	16	20
Spring Group Camp	29	11
Grand Council Fire	29	11

Our school-year activities bring families and communities together in youth development, service projects, and fun family events. Our Club groups meet monthly or bi-monthly with their leaders, as well as doing service projects and monthly activities arranged by the council.



### Director's Note

The Club Program has been running for over 90 years in the community, although it is small it is still needed by our youth. This year we had 7 clubs, 49 youth, 13 leaders. Our clubs are from Michigan City, Goshen, Middlebury, and Mishawaka.

This past year was a good one with two new traditional groups starting up. The kids kept busy with service projects like cleaning and dressing old baby dolls to donate to Goodwill to put in their stores for the holidays, making valentines for our Veterans in Fort Wayne, Caroling at the Nursing Home, doing some much needed raking at Camp Tannadoonah. All while working out of our program books and earning emblems and beads.

The club youth, families and friends also enjoyed a great Harvest Party, Bowling, Craft workshop, Ice Skating, Community Fun Fair, National Art Project, Fun Run Fundraiser, Grand Council Fire Celebration, and spending a fun weekend at Camp Tannadoonah. This summer we had 9 of the Club youth attend our summer camp and 7 youth for the first time attend Fall Camp. We had a total of 898 contact days with our youth.



*Camp Fire River Bend***Balance Sheet, September 30, 2015****ASSETS**

## Current Assets

Petty Cash	\$	25
Savings		245,553
Checking		62,417
Temporarily Restricted		40,046
Undeposited Funds		-2,265
Accounts Receivable		-3,673
Inventory Asset		6,662

Fixed Assets		209,792
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$	<u>558,557</u>
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**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

Accounts Payable		-3,265
Unearned Revenue		10,725
Payroll Liabilities		1,440
Accrued Retirement Benefit		20
Total Liabilities	\$	8,920

Retained Earnings		346,236
Unrestrictd Net Assets		118,553
Net Income		84,848
Total Equity	\$	<u>549,637</u>

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## *Camp Fire River Bend*

**Income Statement**, October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015

### **Revenue**

Donations - Restricted (Facilities and Equipment)	\$	34,526
Donations - Restricted (Program Support)	\$	34,881
Donations - Unrestricted	\$	23,559
Program Fees - Net of Adjustments	\$	341,182
Merchandise Revenue	\$	20,713
Other Revenue	\$	3,964

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$	<b><u>458,825</u></b>
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### **Expenses**

Personnel - All Year and Seasonal	\$	128,468
Camp Meals and Daily Living	\$	47,225
Program Materials	\$	15,671
Camp Store Merchandise	\$	11,002
Insurance	\$	15,233
Depreciation	\$	25,833
Occupancy - Utilities	\$	11,702
Occupancy - Maintenance	\$	57,527
Occupancy - Rent	\$	126
Promotion, Outreach, and Travel	\$	15,010
Payment Processing and Bank Fees	\$	13,112
Outside Services	\$	13,002
Office Supplies	\$	2,898
Organization Dues and Memberships	\$	17,167

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$	<b><u>373,976</u></b>
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	\$	<b><u>84,849</u></b>
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