



Camp Fire

Light the fire within



2016 Annual Report



**The environment
is so positive, and
I love that you can
fit right in without
even trying.**

- Camper

**I liked making new
friends, meeting
new people, and
trying new things.**

- Camper

**She loved the
environment, the
counselors, the
experience of
being away from
home and on her
own.**

- Parent

**We liked the
culture of
kindness and
how positive our
children felt about
being there.**

- 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

As we wrap up another strong year for Camp Fire River Bend, I'm pleased to highlight some of our many accomplishments.

The Board Development Committee has been very busy this year redesigning how we interview and add new members to our board. We have recently added both Shelley Chakan and Bob Pence to serve on the board. Welcome and thank you for agreeing to joining us!

Our Traditional Club program has been small but mighty this year. We had seven amazing adult leaders this year: Peggy Laskowski, Catherine Laskowski, Rosanne Markham, Kathy and Jason Andresen, Becky Gill, and Tonya Rhodes. Thank you for your time and dedication. Last year, the Club program had 31 youth enrolled in three clubs, one in Goshen, one at the Mishawaka Res, and one at Mishawaka Catholic School.



We also have two new additions to our year-round staff. Michelle Hartwig (Miss Michelle) is our assistant camp director and will be managing our after school program once we secure a location. Bob Larkin (Ranger Bob) is our facilities manager. He has been instrumental in organizing and executing many improvements this year.

As we continue to make facilities improvements to Camp Tannadoonah, we plan to build an additional camper cabin that will be ready for campers in June 2017. We will be able to house up to 20 additional campers each week! We are also looking forward to building a new Welcome Center, to be completed in the next year. With our camp numbers growing each year we need more space for everyone, campers AND staff!

A big Camp Fire THANK YOU to our outgoing committee members (Chas Grundy and Maureen McNulty). And to our board members (Diane Coiro, Bill Karban, Tom Kuhn, Sue Williams, and Greg Wuszke) and committee members (Ellen Herron, Tony Laskowski, Cullen McKinley, Tom Rogers, Patti Russwurm, PJ Vandewalle, and Ben Wozniak) whose service with our council has come to an end during this past year. Finally, thank you donors and volunteers with your generous help and leadership our Camp Fire kids continue to find their spark.

Cindy Krupp
Board President

October 2015 - September 2016 Board and Staff

Board Officers

President	Cindy Krupp
Vice President	Bill Karban (Oct - April)
Treasurer	Tom Kuhn (Oct - July)
Secretary	Sharon Hayward

Council Staff

Exec. Director, Camp Director	Amber Grundy, Ph.D.
After School Program Dir.	Michelle Hartwig (hired in June)
Ranger	Bob Larkin (hired in March)
Club Director	Peggy Laskowski (Sept - May)

Members at Large

Shelley Chakan (elected in June)	Diane Coiro (Oct - Jan)	John Engel
Phil Iapalucci	Amy Lutz	Cory Marlow
Bob Pence (elected in Sept)	Andrew Roche	Sue Williams (Oct - Jan)
Greg Wuszke (Oct - June)		

Executive Director's Report

2016 was an exciting year for Camp Fire River Bend! We continued our efforts to strengthen our programming, and began the process of launching a new after school program, which will hopefully be up and running soon. We hired two new year-round staff; a program director to oversee the new after school program, and a camp Ranger to manage facilities projects and maintenance.

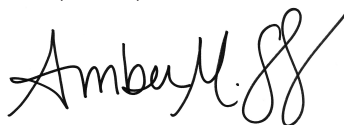
We had over 200 youth and their families who participated in our activities throughout the school year, including the Traditional Club program, a harvest party, craft workshop, weekend camping events, service projects, nature hikes, and our annual Fun Fair.

We made a number of major facilities improvements at Camp Tannadoonah this year. Tom Rogers, Tony Laskowski, Phil Vitale, Tom Kuhn, and P.J. Vandewalle all volunteered their time and built new beds for the Cardinals and Wrens and Robins and Woodpeckers cabins, using funds raised by the annual Pancake Breakfast. We also completed a major renovation of the nurse's cabin, with materials and labor provided by a Home Depot Foundation Grant, and a very dedicated group of volunteers. Morris Lodge, the Dining Hall, and the Shower House all have new steel roofs, and we upgraded the laundry facilities in Main Lodge to accommodate the growing numbers of campers staying over the weekends. We also added a new walkway from the dining hall to the shower house, and began a renovation of the two Birds cabins, to be completed before next summer.

Our camper numbers at Tannadoonah were the highest we have ever seen. We had a total of 909 campers for the 2016 season, a more than 7% increase from last year. We are thrilled with the ongoing growth of our summer camp programming. We were able to provide nearly \$40,000 in campership funding to help campers attend 89 sessions of camp throughout the summer. We continued our partnership with Beardsley Elementary School in Elkhart, bringing 19 youth from that school to camp through the campership program.

We have been working hard to find a location for the proposed new after school program, and are hoping to start enrolling students soon. We are excited to bring the Camp Fire Spark to many new youth!

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. During the school year we have countless individuals who volunteer to lead club groups, help at events, and serve on our board and committees. This summer at camp we had 13 individuals who volunteered a week or more of their time to work on projects, lead programs, or fill staff positions. Thank you all for your time and efforts to help Camp Fire River Bend *light the fire within.*



Amber M. Grundy, Ph.D.
Executive Director





CAMP TANNADOONAH

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.

Program Note

2016 was the biggest summer we have had at Camp Tannadoonah, topping 900 campers for the first time ever! We had a new assistant director this year, and Miss Michelle brought a wealth of experience and new ideas. We added a reading program during the first two weeks of camp, which was a great addition to our regular programming. Our wonderful crew of staff and volunteers continue to make it possible for us to develop great new programs to offer to our campers!

**They came home saying
there was no time to
think about electronics.
They were busy all day.**

- Parent

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Campers	647	706	635	818	847	909
Unique Campers	483	528	479	628	659	678
Campership Awards	\$25,767	\$22,150	\$22,000	\$29,108	\$25,405	\$38,674

Traditional Club Program

Activity	Youth	Adults
3 Club Groups	30	6
Harvest Party	33	42
Roller Skating	23	9
Craft Workshop	26	20
Glass Art Workshop	46	25
Fun Fair	200	100
Kroc Center Outing	32	10
Spring Group Camp	8	9
Grand Council Fire	25	15

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

Program Note

The traditional club program has been a staple of the Camp Fire experience since our council's founding nearly 100 years ago. We had three club groups this year, one at Mishawaka Catholic School, one at the Mishawaka Res, and one in Goshen. Our 31 youth and 7 leaders accomplished a lot during the past year.

The seven club leaders kept the youth busy with monthly meetings, and activities. This year, our club groups had a fall harvest party, went roller skating, held a holiday craft workshop, made a variety of glass creations to submit to the Camp Fire National Art Experience, went swimming and rock climbing at the Kroc Center, had a weekend camping outing, and concluded the year with our Grand Council Fire ceremony. The annual Fun Fair at Emmons Elementary brought in more than 200 youth and parents, and raised about \$2,000 for the Council. We are very grateful to Peggy Laskowski for her dedication to the club program and many years of service to Camp Fire River Bend as the Club Director.



*Camp Fire River Bend***Balance Sheet, September 30, 2016****ASSETS**

Current Assets

Petty Cash	\$	25
Savings	\$	246,537
Checking	\$	69,190
Temporarily Restricted - Kitchen Renovation	\$	2,255
Temporarily Restricted - Maintenance	\$	30,986
Undeposited Funds	\$	15,661
Accounts Receivable	\$	48,938
Inventory Asset	\$	5,910

Fixed Assets	\$	256,689
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$	676,191
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Accounts Payable	\$	-428
Unearned Revenue	\$	89,495
Payroll Liabilities	\$	6,552

Total Liabilities	\$	95,619
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Retained Earnings	\$	346,236
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	202,734
Net Income	\$	31,602

Total Equity	\$	580,572
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Income Statement, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016

Revenue

Donations - Restricted (Facilities and Equipment)	\$	2,647
Donations - Restricted (Program Support)	\$	47,654
Donations - Unrestricted	\$	9,240
Program Fees - Net of Adjustments	\$	377,148
Merchandise Revenue	\$	21,803
Other Revenue	\$	9,630

TOTAL REGULAR REVENUE \$ **468,122**

Expenses

Personnel - All Year and Seasonal	\$	173,726
Camp Meals and Daily Living	\$	59,530
Program Materials	\$	15,546
Camp Store Merchandise	\$	14,149
Insurance	\$	20,141
Depreciation	\$	26,599
Occupancy - Utilities	\$	13,352
Occupancy - Maintenance	\$	26,301
Occupancy - Rent	\$	144
Promotion, Outreach, and Travel	\$	14,711
Payment Processing and Bank Fees	\$	15,128
Outside Services	\$	13,441
Office Supplies	\$	2,717
Organization Dues and Memberships	\$	20,354

TOTAL REGULAR EXPENSES \$ **415,839**

NET REGULAR INCOME \$ **52,283**

Major Facilities Projects	\$	87,848
Capitalized Expense	\$	-67,168
NET CAPITAL EXPENSE	\$	<u>20,680</u>



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