

# STONE SOUP



Newsletter for CAMP HOPE of Southwest Washington

## HAPPY NEW YEAR !

We are grateful to this amazing and generous community for a very fruitful year in 2021. Our Outdoor Discovery Camps served over 330 youth, 2/3 of whom were on scholarship, while our partners renting the group camping facilities impacted over 1700 youth. Our first Christmas Open House brought in 250 guests and 115 volunteers, and we made some BIG improvements around the camp. Thanks for checking in! I hope you enjoy this edition of Stone Soup!



*Karen Phillips  
Executive Director  
with Santa*



Meet some of our talented staff and volunteers.  
Please email us if you're interested in volunteering in 2022  
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## FALL CAMP HIGHLIGHTS



In November we hosted our final Outdoor Discovery Camp of the year for 32 campers who enjoyed archery, a scavenger hunt, home-made pizzas, a cider press, the Thanksgiving Story, and a Salmon obstacle course. It was a full day!

### GO, Salmon, GO!

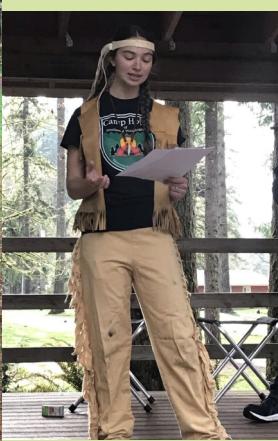
Our friends from Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group set up an obstacle course for the campers to demonstrate

the journey that salmon make to return from the ocean and spawn.

Students representing the dam swung a huge jump rope while campers representing bears and eagles threw plastic balls, and fishermen threw huge hula hoops to simulate nets. It makes one want to cheer those fish on!



For the scholarship funds!



New Roofs!



Thanks to a generous donation from Keller Williams Realty Red Team and volunteer labor donated by Matrix Roofing, we finished some much needed maintenance this fall. Cabin 3-2 (a leaking cabin) and the Bath House each received NEW ROOFS !



## Christmas at Camp Hope

Our first Christmas Open House was enjoyed by 250 people on a rainy Saturday December 11.

In the morning Santa and his elves distributed gifts to over 80 kids through our partnership with Battle Ground School District Family & Community Resource Center (FCRC), Battle Ground Education Foundation, Molina Healthcare, Crossroads Community Church, and many gift donors.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



# YOUTH LEAD CHRISTMAS EVENT

Over 60 youth served and performed at our first Christmas event.



Battle Ground High School Jazz Choir performs

The outdoor pavilion hosted live Christmas music all day from local youth:

- BGHS Jazz Choir
- BGHS Jazz Quartet
- Prairie High School Choir
- Young Musicians from Church of Latter Day Saints

And guest appearance from The Responding artist Eric Florip.



Above, Boy Scouts from Troop 475 tended the fires all day. A family enjoys S'mores! Below, guests enjoy visits with Santa, Curly the Camel, Danny the Donkey, making swags, shooting archery and enjoying the Christmas Spirit.



**Big Thanks** to Youth from Cascadia Technical Academy Criminal Justice Program who managed the parking and traffic on the 1 lane dirt road all day!

