Youth & Adults Thrive at Camp Hope of SW WA
October 2023 Newsletter

Enriching the lives of youth through outdoor based education, adventure, and fun.

Getting this Generation Outdoors!

Childhood has moved indoors and online. Reports indicate kids average 44 hours per week on a screen and less than 10 minutes per day outdoors. Many youths are lonely and inactive, combating mental health issues, lack of friendship, poor academic performance, and obesity. We are here to make a difference in the lives of this generation!

19 Days of Discovery Camps

Camp Hope of Southwest Washington offers Summer Camps and Saturday Camps in Spring and Fall to ages 9-17. Scholarships and fundraising events remove barriers to camp participation. This year we added a 4th summer camp.

Days of Camp in 2023	19
Number of Youth, ages 9-17:	268
Camper Days:	549
Scholarship Assistance:	43%

Outdoor School 2023

Along the shores of the East Fork Lewis River students conduct water quality tests, macro invertebrate studies and salmon studies. Students hike and explore the woods. Schools led by camp staff include team-building challenge games for Social Emotional Learning.

Number of Schools (WA & OR)	6
Total Number of Students	771
Total Number of Adults	100
Total Number of Camper-Days	1563
Days of teacher led camps	12
Days of camp staff led camps	8

3 Camps for Foster Kids

10 families enjoyed a free weekend of camp activities and sleeping in bunkhouses during this year's Foster Family Camp. Community members joined together to provide meals, horse-back riding, Model T car rides, paint classes, quilting and more. Camp staff also supported 2 summer camps here for over 30 foster kids.

Community Rentals

With bunkhouses that can sleep 128 people, the camp is a favorite group camping and picnic site for many organizations. 17 Groups rented the camp for 65 days in 2023.

Campers	Number of Campers	Camper-Days
Adults	632	1546
Youth 13-17	225	754
Youth 12 & under	223	629
Totals	**1080**	**2929**

2023 USAGE RATE= 104 DAYS   **TOTAL 2023 CAMPER DAYS (JAN-SEP) = 4881**