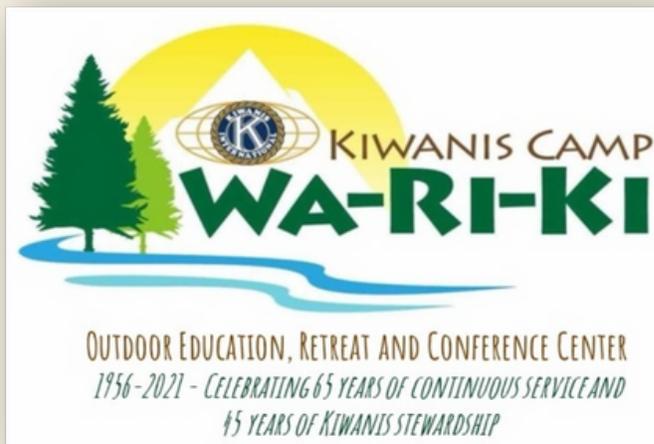




## KIWANIS CAMP WA-RI-KI

# Impact Report 2022

We are proud to bring you good news! Please take a walk with us back through a pivotal year in the history of Kiwanis Camp Wa-Ri-Ki and learn about our exciting future.



### IMPACT SNAPSHOT

16

Groups that called Camp Wa-Ri-Ki home for their programs this year

175

Number of volunteer service hours

2,287

Number of people served at Camp Wa-Ri-Ki in 2022

A MESSAGE  
FROM OUR 2022  
BOARD  
PRESIDENT,  
DOUG MCPHEE



A YEAR WITH  
UNIQUE  
CHALLENGES

At our meeting in May I shared three themes for 2022. Dream - Explore - Discover. Here I offer a follow up at the end of 2022.

### DREAM

We dreamed of having a successful rental and event season and we did. COVID was close to devastating for Kiwanis Camp Wa-Ri-Ki and we have almost fully recovered. Our finances are good, and we have completed some much-needed deferred maintenance. The camp schedule for 2023 is filling up with groups and requests. Our NASA partnership is growing with the James Webb telescope available in our conference center with live and recorded pictures. The Dream is happening!

### EXPLORE

We held a successful Nature Day with about 60 adults and children exploring the possibilities of camp and nature. The activities offered everything from learning about insects doing yoga in the forest to making pinecone birdfeeders. Learning about the ecology of the camp environment will offer schools an outdoor education program that students will remember for a lifetime. I still have wonderful memories of camping experiences from my youth and I'm old!

### DISCOVER

Hundreds of adults and youth discovered the magic of Kiwanis Camp Wa-Ri-Ki. The retreats and camping groups enjoyed great meals, engaging activities and fellowship that can only happen when removed from everyday life. Our Board members were engaged and active through the year and discovered what it takes to keep the camp going while working together. Our Board Retreat was productive and moves us forward to discover so many things we can offer in the next year.

It has been my honor to serve as Board President and help navigate us through the challenges of COVID. We are stronger for the experience and cherish the opportunities to serve schools, community groups, churches and companies looking for an experience in nature.



# Programs and Services

## NASA GLOBE Goes to Camp & Nature Days



More thanks go to the Camas-Washougal Community Chest for helping fund this year's Nature Day program!



# Reaching Out in Community

We began a new outreach program this year, "Camp Goes to the City". Our goal was to bring the look, feel and excitement of our remote camp into communities that might not have known about us! We were met with enthusiasm, camper alumni and schools wanting to learn more about our outdoor education program.

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In August we were pleased to host Shelley Barker and Dr. Roberta McFarland from the Washington School Principals' Foundation for a tour of Camp. (L-R: Barb, Interim Camp Director; Roberta; Andra, Board Member; Doug, Board President and Shelley)



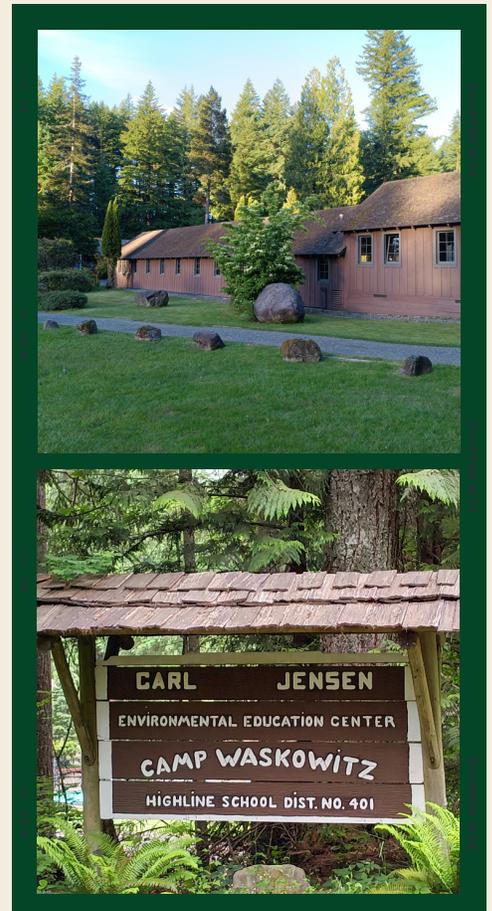
The American Camp Association (ACA) February 2022 conference was held in Portland. Our Interim Camp Director, Barb attended and assisted our NASA GLOBE Goes to Camp colleagues with a workshop.

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A member of our Board, Andra and our Interim Camp Director, Barb attended an environmental education training conference at Camp Waskowitz. We learned how to recruit schools to bring students to camp as well as accommodating our long-time Camp Wa-Ri-Ki facility rental partners.



This year we joined the Lower Columbia Nature Network. The Lower Columbia Nature Network connects our community to nature by fostering partnerships in Clark County and southwest Washington.



# Since Time Immemorial

Camp Wa-Ri-Ki has always held deep respect and a strong commitment to being good stewards of the resources entrusted to our care.

## Our Mission, This Place

It is our mission to provide an outdoor experience that offers optimal development of at-risk youth and our communities through recreational, educational and leadership opportunities.

The Southwest Region of Washington State reflects the ancestral and modern homes of First Peoples including the Cowlitz, Yakima and Klickitat tribes. The First Peoples of Skamania County called themselves, Chilluckittequw. We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral, modern lands and traditional territories of the Chilluckittequw People.

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Kiwanis International and Camp Wa-Ri-Ki have adopted a resolution that encourages leaders and members to build a culture and maintain environments that develop and nurture mutual respect for all celebrating diversity, equity and inclusion in our programs and operations.

Through strong policies, equitable practices and upholding conservation principles, we offer programming to excite and engage our campers.

## Since Time Immemorial: Tribal Sovereignty in Washington State

According to the Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, "In 2015, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 5433 modifying the original 2005 legislation, now requiring the Since Time Immemorial: Tribal Sovereignty in Washington state or other tribally-developed curriculum be taught in all schools. The use of the Since Time Immemorial curriculum has been endorsed by all 29 federally recognized tribes."

Camp Wa-Ri-Ki is learning about the three approaches used by the Since Time Immemorial tribal sovereignty curriculum: Inquiry, Place-based and Integrated. Selecting curriculum that works in harmony with our citizen science curriculum will create a well-rounded experience, especially for the schools that are now coming to camp for their outdoor education experience.

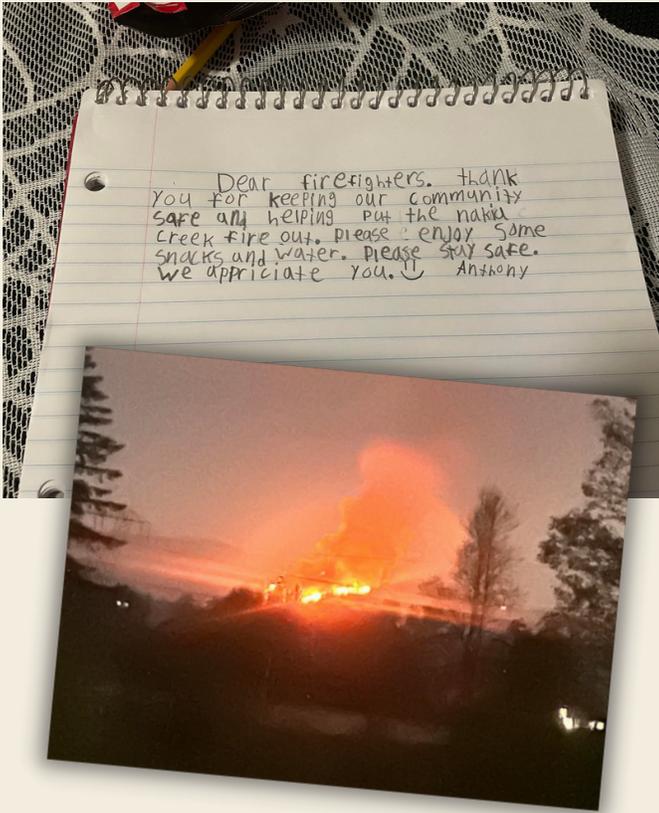
We are also committed to the seven principles of **Leave No Trace**. These principles are designed to avoid negative impact while enjoying our shared natural resources.



# Keeping Camp Safe ...



Camp staff had to evacuate for about 24 hours during the Nakia Creek Wildfire. Our Camp Host, Autumn's son, Anthony wrote this note to our local firefighters and delivered some much needed snacks and water.



...through fire and rain we continue to improve camp grounds and facilities!!



# Our Dedicated Staff, Board and Volunteers ... Making Camp work for you!



Autumn Hancock  
Camp Host



Geoff Ivens,  
Maintenance Coordinator



Josh, Volunteer

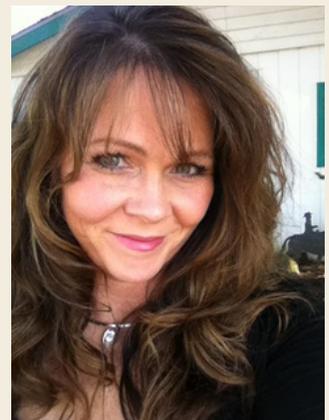


Barb  
McCullough-Jones  
Interim Camp Director



Anthony and Max,  
Volunteers

# Board of Directors



L-R Top row: Julisa Cully, Val Arbacauskas, Sharon Garden, Sorena Wagner;  
Middle row: Doug McPhee, Austin Alling, Ken Rowe  
Bottom row: Andra Spencer, Tim Neill, Amy Thackeray (not pictured Eric Bell)

# Thanks for your compliments!



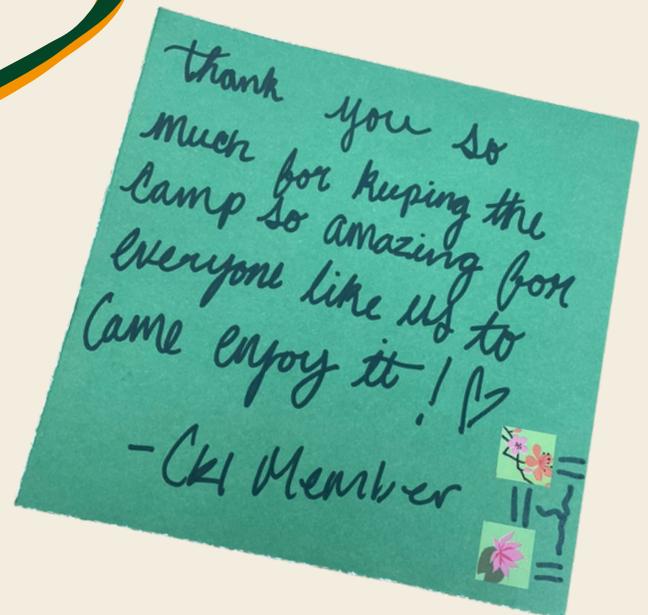
"We just attended our third day camp and had our first overnight stay. It is such a sweet camp experience with all the good stuff: nature, low tech crafts and games, campfires, friendly staff and good food. It's an amazing camp experience close to home. Can't wait for more overnights!" ~ Norah S.



"Absolutely beautiful Camp! We attended the overnight Star gazing camp and we had the time of our lives. Everything was so well planned we never had a boring moment. Even my usually cranky husband loved it so much, we are 100% coming back again and again. We love you Camp WaRiKi." ~ Damaris K.B.

"We had a really fun time here. We came for a day camp to learn about lady bugs. There were tons of activities to do from crafts to making a lady bug habitat and setting thousands of ladybugs free."

~ Michelle S.



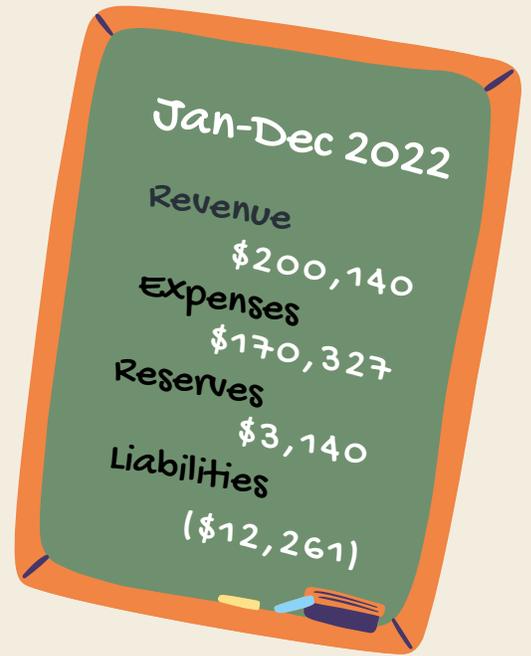
# Financial Review 2022\*

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Transparency  
2022

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Resiliency. That was the strategy we adopted to recover from the deep financial impact caused by COVID-19 closures and restrictions. Pivoting to a camp model of serving schools during the school-year and groups and private events during the summer is a winning formula for Camp Wa-Ri-Ki.

Our heartfelt thanks to our Board Members, Volunteers, Staff and donors that brought their time, talent, treasure and positivity to clear a path forward in fulfilling our mission.



## Grant and Foundation Support



# As we look to 2023

"There is no such thing as a new idea. It is impossible. We simply take a lot of old ideas and put them into a sort of mental kaleidoscope. We give them a turn and they make new and curious combinations." Mark Twain

The concepts of **exploration, conservation and education** are not new. Since Kiwanis became the caretakers of the Camp, we have strived to bring these three concepts to generations of kids and adults.

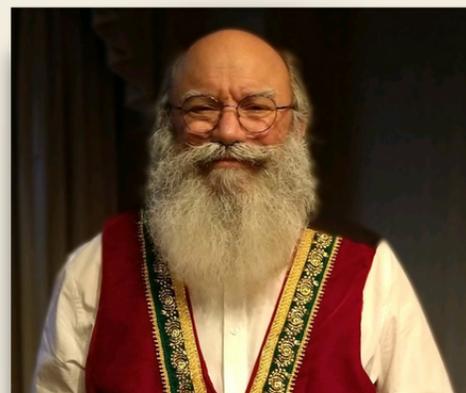
**Exploration** takes many forms at Camp Wa-Ri-Ki. Everything from guided hikes throughout our grounds to exploring the cosmos. While there are no new ideas, there is new technology that allows us to see well beyond our world. Our partnership with NASA GLOBE Goes to Camp and the infrastructure we have incorporated into our conference center gives us the opportunity to bring the universe to everyone. But technology is not needed to stargaze. The sky over our field lights up on clear nights with a canopy of stars.

Fifty years ago, I created a video project looking at our open pit garbage dump sites and how we were destroying our environment. While we have made great strides since then, there is still much that needs to happen. We partner with many **conservation** groups in Southwest Washington and the Columbia Gorge to pursue how we can strive to keep our environment available and accessible for everyone.

I think I have saved the best for last. **Education**. While education has always been a part of our mission, new opportunities have opened up with school districts throughout Washington. The state has allocated funds for fifth and sixth graders to attend outdoor school. Again, I remember 50 years ago attending outdoor school in the sixth grade in the Oregon Cascades. Memories I have cherished. Combine this with Nature Days, NASA GLOBE Goes to Camp sessions, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and other programs and you have opportunities for people of all ages.

But none of this happens without resources. All the activities above do not magically happen. It takes money and it takes volunteers. Outdoor school mentors, maintenance projects, activity leaders. Many opportunities to volunteer. We always appreciate donors. But we do not rely on them only. In addition to the outdoor school groups throughout the school year, we have many groups who use the camp for retreats. This is a wonderful place for your corporate or nonprofit group.

I look forward to seeing you at Camp!  
Tim Neill, Board President 2023



We couldn't have done it  
without your generous  
*support.*

Thank you



Project  
Adventure is  
our future.

Be the difference in a  
child's life today.



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