

**Want more information?**



If you are interested in having Camp Fire in your community this summer, please contact us as soon as possible so we can fit you into our summer schedule! Call or write:

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Swimming, arts, crafts, snacks, soccer, softball, gym time and even overnight camping— Camp Fire did it all! And they were very flexible and willing to fit into our schedules and routines. We can't wait to have Camp Fire back!

**Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus**  
**Native Village of Kiana**



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## **RURAL ALASKA PROGRAM**

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rural youth!**



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## The Rural Program

Camp Fire USA Alaska Council has been offering water safety and recreation programs in rural Alaskan communities since 1966. We are a non-profit organization that provides safe and fun environments where children learn, grow, and thrive. Camp Fire supports rural youth by offering services that match the needs and desires of each community we serve. In doing so, we hope to provide opportunities for youth to become confident and compassionate individuals, responsible to themselves and others.

## Program Content

The Rural Program is developed around the specific needs, desires, conditions, and participant skill levels of each community we serve. The basic program includes:

- \* Swimming Instruction
- \* Cold Water Survival Skills
- \* Water & Boating Safety
- \* Healthy Life Skills
- \* Recreation Activities (Games, Crafts, Hikes)
- \* Special Teen Activities
- \* Community Service Projects & Events



## Staff

A two-member staff team will conduct the program in each community. Staff are typically college students or educators, and are required to be Lifeguard, CPR, & First Aid certified. Intensive training is provided for them prior to working in communities. Special care is taken to employ staff who are conscientious and positive role models for youth.



**“I’ve been involved with Camp Fire for 20 years or so. We are very fortunate to have Camp Fire come out and teach water safety to our youngsters.”**

***Leo Morgan  
Former CEO,  
Kuskokwim Native Association***

## Your Specific Program

Only your community can tell us what type of programming your youth need! In order for us to serve your community’s unique needs, we encourage you to give us program suggestions. What specific focus should Camp Fire have in your community? Please talk to parents, elders, and youth for suggestions. Our goal is to help your community meet the needs of its youth!

## Community Responsibilities

Each community is responsible for providing staff with housing, shower facilities and programming space. If transportation is needed to a swimming area or camping spot (via boat or vehicle) the community will be responsible for finding the transportation; Camp Fire will pay for the cost of gas. Each community is also responsible for recruiting a contact person to act as a liaison with the Camp Fire staff. The contact person will help staff get settled and provide any necessary assistance.

## Program Length

The ideal program length is two weeks. Camp Fire typically creates a summer schedule that has 3-4 session choices. Villages are assigned to program weeks on a first-come first-served basis. Special requests can sometimes be accommodated.



  
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