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Nonprofit Overview

Causes: Camp Fire, Children & Youth, Youth Community Service Clubs, Youth Development - Citizenship
Mission: Mission and Vision Camp Fire invests in North Texas communities by providing out-of-school time and outdoor learning programs for children and youth while also offering workforce development programs for early childhood educators. We envision a community in which every child has equitable access to the learning opportunities they need to succeed and thrive in a rapidly changing world.
Results: Our programs stand out for three key reasons: 1. We are uniquely focused on the two periods of greatest brain growth and development: early childhood and early adolescence. 2. We leverage the impact of the outdoor environment on the brain to educate and connect children to each other and the world around them. 3. We intentionally maintain a continuous improvement loop through the Camp Fire Program Quality Assessment to maximize community impact.
Target demographics: North Texas communities
Direct beneficiaries per year: Camp Fire First Texas annually serves more than 24,000 youth, adults, and child care providers.
Geographic areas served: Camp Fire First Texas serves six Texas counties including Tarrant, Denton, Parker, Johnson, Hood and Wise Counties.
Programs: Camp Fire invests in North Texas communities by providing out-of-school time and outdoor learning programs for children and youth while also offering workforce development programs for early childhood educators.

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twill93
General Member
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My son want to camp for the First time!
He love it, Came Fire First Texas is the
best he can't wait to come back! Keep up
the good work can't wait to see you again

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IsabelRangel
Volunteer 10/31/2021

I've worked with Camp Fire for 2 years,
and I love that it isn't just after school
care. They want to help kids learn about
their passions and the community and
nature around them, and we have a
curriculum to do so. It is really a great
organization.

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Denis C.1
Volunteer 10/30/2021

I have worked with many non-profits over
the years but must say Camp Fire First
Texas is the BEST. Such a commitment
to children and bettering their lives with
learning and education. They run an
amazing Camp (Camp El Tesoro) and
have a week where the bring in children
who have lost a parent or sibling due to
death. An AMAZING week. Quality
organization with a BIG HEART and
GREAT LEADERSHIP!

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CFalum
Client
Served 10/28/2021

As Camp Fire Alumni I KNOW the
incredible work that CFFT does every
day. There are so many life skills that I
learned in Camp Fire programs that make
me a better person.

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Lindsayhklatzkin
General Member
of the
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This org is dedicated to serving youth and
their families through research, evidence
based care and programming.

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aileenm
Board
Member 10/29/2020

Wonderful organization getting kids
involved in outdoor education, making
positive and meaningful memories, and
support needs of youth development.

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Dorothy Coleman W.
Professional with expertise in this
field 10/29/2020

I began my work with Camp Fire First
Texas in 2010 as my "retirement gig". I'm
still here 10 years later, because it gives
me hope that we are making the world a
more welcoming place for children and
youth.

Camp Fire helps youth dig deep inside
and discover their "sparks," their
personally defined nuggets of potential.
Helping a young person become who
they want to be takes time and

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mhfrankp
Professional with expertise in this field 10/30/2021

I grew up in in Fort Worth as a Camp Fire kid. I participated in club and camp programs. My career path was shaped by what I learned in Camp Fire. The career was successful not just because of my skills, it was being able to serve as a leader, colleague, mentor and good citizen.

I returned to Camp Fire 20 years after graduating high school to work on professional staff, and 10 years later, I took a job with the national office of Camp Fire.

Camp Fire in Fort Worth is one of the absolute best organizations in the nation. As the world has been changing, Camp Fire in Fort Worth has adjusted to the needs of youth in our local community. I was very proud of the work that the Fort Worth Camp Fire worked with corporate leaders and determined that the people taking care of children need training to prepare these children for the work force in the 21st century. That began over 20 years ago and continues today.

Mary Helen Franko

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Stormie P.
Donor 10/30/2021

I am an artist and have been involved with Artist Christmas for many years now. I am always delight to be involved and support Camp Fire because of all of their programs and great work they do to support children in our area. They work tirelessly to generate wonderful programs to help children learn and grow.

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raymond rains
Donor 10/29/2021

encouragement. It takes paying attention to what sparks a passion. At Camp Fire, that's what we do. We listen, we encourage, and we provide the opportunity to uncover each young person's unique interests. We help youth become the exceptional people they are destined to be, buoyant with potential to do anything they dream of doing.

Camp Fire is led by professional, caring adults using research based best practice methods. Program leaders are highly trained role models, who encourage young people to be all they can be. Camp Fire is open to everyone. We embrace the uniqueness of every youth, teen, and family we serve. Camp Fire is participant-centered--identifying passions and sparks. Youth are actively engaged and are given a voice, which helps build self-esteem and self-reliance.

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ehrtx
Board Member 10/29/2020

Camp Fire First Texas is one of the best managed non-profits in our area. The Board and Staff work collaboratively together to serve the youth with programming that is imaginative and meets committee needs. As a child, my favorite Camp Fire experience was camp. The outdoors is a learning space that teaches about our creation, the environment, in a caring and fun atmosphere. El Tesoro, the gem of Camp Fire First Texas is an outdoor experience designed with children and youth in mind. A must experience!

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chames
Client Served 10/27/2020

Camp Fire First Texas greatly influenced



We have participated in Camp Fire's "An Artists' Christmas" art auction for more than twenty years. I am so impressed with their range of programs that help children of all backgrounds have a sense of purpose, achieve their full potential, lead a healthy lifestyle, be environmentally conscious, and stay in school.

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djharvey

Board

Member 10/28/2021

I have been a part of Camp Fire First for almost six years and I can say that this is a child-centered organization. Every program, staff & focus is on supporting the "whole" child. The first of it's kind Apprentice program, is just another way Camp Fire is always being innovative. I am so proud to be a part of this team!

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Jordann N.



Jordann N.

Client Served 10/28/2021

We absolutely adore our CampFire staff with Fort Worth ISD @ Westcliff Elementary. They are seriously the best and Rosalia always goes above and beyond to check on our son, make things fun and even share grace with us when we've forgotten something he needs. We are so, so thankful for this crew at Westcliff. Because they work so hard to make it fun for the kids, we can work hard knowing they are safe and having a great time! :)

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jennylaf

Donor 10/28/2021

my two sons early on in their young lives. As a new parent, Camp Fire's onsite child care center provided high-quality care that truly gave my sons a head start in their education. Nurturing staff, combined with structure and age-appropriate learning, helped my sons not only learn their ABC's but gain confidence and important social skills as well. Camp Fire's day camp program and family camping helped my sons explore nature as well as activities like archery, which my youngest son still enjoys to this day. So when Camp Fire says they help young people ignite their "spark" they really mean it!

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Crodz

General Member

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We love Camp Fire First Texas! My child has been involved in several programs, including summer day camp and afterschool at Diamond Hill Station. The staff and leadership have such a heart for youth, and do so much to make kids feel special every day. We love the emphasis on personal responsibility, creativity and empathy. We've made so many memories through Camp Fire and can't wait to get involved in more.

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Chr1st23

General Member

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My children have been involved with Camp Fire First Texas since they were five and two- years old. That has spanned 15 years. I cannot speak more highly about the role and impact these programs have had on my boys. Now, with a third kiddo who is just now old enough to start day camps, we are looking forward to starting a new journey through the programs. Camps, day camps, after school and teen programs are outstanding.

Camp Fire's Early Education Apprenticeship Program (EEAP) is one of the first of its kind and a leader in Texas! It is helping to change the landscape of early childhood educators and create pathways for career, leadership, post-secondary degrees, entrepreneurship, and more while elevating the essential field of child care... SO incredibly grateful for their work and advocacy!

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JJC123
Volunteer 10/28/2021

First rate group of compassionate professionals that have the welfare and futures of our kids in mind in all they do.

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eelee0917
Board Member 10/28/2021

I am a new board member and long time supporter of Camp Fire First Texas as a member of the Artist's Christmas gala committee. I got involved when a friend reached out for assistance on the committee and stay involved because of the focus on early childhood and adolescence. Growing up I did not have the type of opportunities Camp Fire First offers and have always been awed by the stories shared by friends who grew up in North Texas about Camp El Tesoro. As a volunteer and now board member I love that I have the opportunity to help shape the impact Camp Fire has on the community.

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Lauren Love R.
Professional with expertise in this

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Ltiedtke
Volunteer 10/14/2020

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As a past board member and current volunteer I continue to be impressed with the leadership and staff. A first rate organization.

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RandiM
Client Served 10/14/2020

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Camp Fire has so many wonderful programs that help children in our community, like their overnight camp El Tesoro in Granbury as well as the week-long overnight grief camp, which provides support and counseling to kiddos who have lost a love one. The benefit of counseling in this week-long camp environment is so impactful for youth dealing with grief.

Camp Fire also offers after-school programs on-site at elementary schools which is so convenient for the children as they don't have to be transported to another location for care. They can stay in school and get care until parents get off work to pick them up! Both of my children have attended Camp Fire after school programs.

I highly recommend Camp Fire!

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Jake Y.
Board Member 10/14/2020

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Camp Fire First Texas is a wonderful organization with a wonderful mission. I've been proud to support Camp Fire First Texas with my time and resources

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Camp Fire First Texas is all about helping children and youth realize their full potential and supporting the adults in their lives to do the same. The relationships the staff builds with the kids they work with helps them to see their value and realize their possibilities in school and in life.

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for more than a decade.

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SMitchell

General Member of the Public 10/02/2020

Camp Fire programs are full of fun, encourage a growth mindset and expose kids to new ideas and experiences. I can't say enough wonderful things about their camp programs - overnight and family camp at Camp El Tesoro. My son attends the day camp program in North Fort Worth at Diamond Hill Station, he loves the staff and can't wait to return each day. We love Camp Fire First Texas!

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Camp Fire programs are great for my family! My children attend the child development center, summer day camp at Diamond Hill Station and family programs at Camp El Tesoro. The staff are always so wonderful and the purpose and intention of the curriculum behind each program is evident and so well delivered.

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