



**Centennial Celebration**  
Camp Fire USA is proud to celebrate its 100th year of dedicated service to children and communities throughout the United States. Bringing together alumni and children in our programs Camp Fire will be hosting many exciting events in celebration of this amazing milestone.

**Stay Tuned for Details.**



### YET Program

The YET (Youth Education for Tomorrow) program is a collaborative effort of the Heart of West Michigan United Way, Grand Rapids Public Schools and Public/Private Ventures. We are coordinating this new program at Sibley Elementary. We hope to have additional YET program sites.

At Sibley Elementary, the YET program is helping over 20 children that are behind a grade level or more in reading. The kids begin their 90 minute session listening to a story, then proceeding to read on their own with the help of volunteers. The kids participate in journaling, crafts, and games; all created with the goal of furthering their reading capabilities.

If you would like to volunteer in this program. Please contact, Carolyn at [carolyn.guyton@campfirewmc.org](mailto:carolyn.guyton@campfirewmc.org) or (616) 949-2500 ext. 31.



### Absolutely Incredible Kid Day!

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day is an annual letter-writing campaign designed to build self esteem in our youth. Celebrated each year on the third Thursday of March - **March 18, 2010** - Absolutely Incredible Kid Day (AIKD) is a call to action asking adults to write letters of love, encouragement and inspiration to the special kids in their lives.

Locally, Camp Fire USA celebrates AIKD in 2 ways: by encouraging adults in our community to write letters to the children in their lives and the community; and by asking people at local businesses, colleges and organizations to write letters for elementary students in Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Visit our website to download letterhead and letter-writing tips or contact Melinda at [melinda.young@campfireusawmc.org](mailto:melinda.young@campfireusawmc.org) for more information on how you can get involved.



### Calling All Runners!

While we are not an "official" River Bank Run charity, Camp Fire USA West Michigan Council encourages you to collect pledges from individuals if you are running in the 33rd annual Fifth Third River Bank Run. For more information on the race, visit [www.53riverbankrun.com](http://www.53riverbankrun.com). For more information on pledging, contact Melinda Young at (616) 949-2500 ext. 21 or [melinda.young@campfireusawmc.org](mailto:melinda.young@campfireusawmc.org)

## SAVE THE DATE!

- **Absolutely Incredible Kid Day!**  
March 18, 2010  
We need groups of people to volunteer to write letters to at-risk local children and youth.
- **Champions for Kids Luncheon**  
Our annual fundraising luncheon on October 6, 2010 (Please note date change)

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