



WHATS NEXT?

Follow these easy steps to start a club.

1. **Initial Inquiry**

Speak with Program Manager Leslie Vohs to determine if Camp Fire is a good fit for your needs, and get any questions answered that you might have. Once you have determined you would like to start a club, work with Leslie on getting background checks completed for leaders/adult members.

2. **Attend Training**

Schedule your "How to Start a Club" training. Our 2 hour free training is a requirement for new leaders. This training is provided on an as-needed basis.

3. **Look for Club Members**

Average club size 6-15 members

YOUTH MEMBERS: Ask friends, class mates, neighbors, team mates, siblings, and other acquaintances to join a club with you!

PARENTS OR ADULTS: Don't forget to recruit adults as well! You will need parent/adult helpers. Club meetings require 2 adults present at all times.

4. **Find a meeting place**

Meetings can be held at home, at school, or community rooms.

5. **Plan a Parent Meeting**

Plan a Parent Meeting to complete registration paperwork and to discuss parent /club participation expectations.

6. **Have your first club meeting**

Follow the easy Our Club Project meeting plans given to you to at Basic 1 and your club will have a fun and successful start!

Have Questions? Contact your Club Administrator.

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Ask yourself these questions...

Do I have time to be a leader?

Most of our leaders are full time working parents.

Once a club is established, an hour prep time per meeting is usually enough.

How often do clubs meet?

As a leader, that's all up to you. Clubs usually meet weekly for an hour or bi-monthly for 90 minutes. Many follow the school year calendar and don't meet during school holidays, breaks or vacations.

I don't have any experience so how am I supposed to know what to do?

We support our Leaders 100%, All new leaders attend Basic I, where you learn how to get your club started, after that you will have continuous opportunities to learn as you go with trainings, friendly helpful staff, and Kansas City wide Camp Fire events. Call your Club Administrator any time for support.

Program Books

Once your trained simply follow our user friendly Program Books that are full of meeting plans and tell you everything you need to have a fun, successful meeting, including games, activities and more!

How do I get parent helpers?

Expect it, encourage it, and ask for it. One adult isn't expected to lead the club alone, but rather make it a co-operative effort to lead our youth. Parent involvement is one way to teach our children to "give service" as well as learn everyone needs to take turns, work together, and do your fair share, as part of a group, at home and in your community. We suggest using rotation lists, signup sheets, etc.

What are the benefits for my child?

When a child is involved in Camp Fire they will:

- *Be actively learning and engaged in activities
- *Are encouraged to learn new skills
- *Feel a part of a group and work towards shared goals
- *Participate in planning and goal setting
- *Have fun and make lasting memories

Our Promise

Young people want to shape the world.
Camp Fire provides the opportunity to find their spark,
lift their voice, and discover who they are.

In Camp Fire, it begins *now*.

Light the fire within