

Camp Fire Girls Theme 'She Cares - Do You' Will Be Carried Out

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Caring, about herself and oth-

ers, about her country's natural resources; this is the keynote of September the girls in the Klamath area, together with the Camp

Fire Girls in better than 300 communities from coast to coast, are taking an active part in conserving the country's resources: plant and animal life.

The goals of the project are twofold. The first is to provide an active service by having girls take part in community activities that promote the wise use of natural resources. The second goal is to help Camp Fire Girls develop an awareness of what makes this country sound.

During the fall and early winter the girls took a tree census, tabulating trees close to their homes and in park areas to study the Klamath area tree growth and see how improvements might be made. Their census showed that outside of the Gilchrist-Crescent-Chemult residential area, the dominant trees in residential areas are poplar and elm. Most of the poplar and elm trees are old and many have not had good care through the years. Both kinds were planted because of their fast growing qualities to provide shelter and shade in few years. Since many of these trees have reached their maturity and may not last too many more years, Camp Fire Girls are encouraging a re-planting by planting young seedling trees of many slower growing species near the old trees—then as the old trees die they may be cut out.

Each year the girls will feature a tree or trees of the year which will be distributed without charge

or at a very low price to home owners who will plant and care for them. A record will be kept of all plantings and each year the girls will, visit the trees to check their growth and health. In addition to these plantings, the girls themselves are planting trees in parks and other public areas.

Trees of the year for 1959 are the mountain ash and quaking aspen and throughout the year the girls will be promoting their planting. The first plantings took place in observance of Arbor Day in all areas of the Basin from Gilchrist to Dorris. The collecting and planting of tree seeds of some of the most beautiful trees to be found in this area is also a major part of the girls' work this year. Some girls are planting seeds in their own yards, others are planting in a reserved plot at Moore Park under the direction of Al Knowles, park superintendent. Seedlings thus started will be distributed to anyone who will care for them in the springs of 1960 and 1961.

To learn about wildlife (the second part of the project), the girls have been building bird houses, most of which have already been erected and some have been "rented" for the summer. During the winter months a bird feeding program was carried out to attract birds into backyard sanctuaries. The planting of ash trees

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TO LEARN ABOUT WILDLIFE, these Camp Fire Blue Birds are erecting a bird house which they built for their "fine-feathered" bluebird friends, who are victims of a housing shortage. Why a housing shortage? Because we are cutting down our old dead trees which provide natural nesting holes for bluebirds. Left to right are: Vicki Gustafson, Sandra Kay Hewitt, Pamela Maxwell, Linda Kenfield, Barbara Verdui, Connie Eldridge, Deborah Heaton and Terrie McJunkin. On top of the ladder is Linda Thurman and below her is Sue Ann VanMeter. With the group, in background, is Mrs. C. J. Heaton.

Camp Fire Girls Identify Local Trees As Project

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To learn to know 10 trees and be able to tell all about them in 1959 is one of the goals of members of Camp Fire Girls of the local council in carrying out their current conservation project, "She Cares—Do You?" If every member of a Blue Bird, Camp Fire or Horizon Club group accomplish the goal, their group name will be inscribed on a special scroll to be displayed in the local Camp Fire office.

The 10 trees for 1959 are Quaking Aspen, Western Juniper, Ponderosa Pine, Sugar Pine, Lodgepole Pine, Incense Cedar, Douglas Fir, White Fir, White Oak, Mountain Ash.

For 1960 and 1961 other lists of trees will be learned, making 30 trees which Camp Fire Girls will

learn to love and appreciate during their golden jubilee celebration.

About half of the 30 trees will be forest trees. Helping the girls with their forest tree identification and appreciation is Don Hummel, forester for Weyerhaeuser Timber Company. Hummel is marking a nature trail on Weyerhaeuser land near Klamath Falls for the girls and others to use for field trips. He will be assisted in this project by members of the Nature Society of the Klamath Region, Russell Pengelly, president.

Want to learn about 10 trees this year? Why not call the local Camp Fire Girls office and join a field trip. Membership in Camp Fire Girls is open year-round to any girl 7-18 years of age and also to adults, both men and women.



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PLANTING A MOUNTAIN ASH tree on Arbor Day the Wi-ta-wa-ten-ya group of Camp Fire Girls fulfilled one of their many activities for their current conservation project, "She Cares—Do You?". The tree was purchased by the girls and given to the Boy Scout Training Center with the hope that as it grows and flourishes it will not only beautify the grounds but will provide food for birds during cold winter months. Pictured here are Camp Fire Girls Mary Taggart, Gail Rea, Marianne Vanish, Judy Mest, Bonnie Farr and Betty Coon. Looking on are Dick Wyatt, district executive for the BSA; Eagle Scout Ernest Taggart and Mrs. French of the CGA.