BURN CAMP GAZETTE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF OKLAHOMA FIREFIGHTERS BURN CAMP

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WHAT WE DO

Oklahoma Firefighters Burn Camp is a nonprofit organization that Helps Young Burn Survivors THRIVE! We provide a five day summer camp for children who have been burned or have disfiguring injuries. Established in 1999, the camp serves those living in Oklahoma and surrounding states.

Burn Camp offers a chance for burn survivors to make life-long friends with other burn survivors in a setting of love, support, and unconditional acceptance. Volunteers and adult burn survivors donate their time to show these children that their scars do not limit their ability to succeed in life.

BURN CAMP NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

VW Cruise In and Swap Meet- November 7th
This swap meet is open to the public and all VW's are welcome! The swap meet will be held at Rogers Point Park in Catoosa, OK. The swap meet will be open to the public from noon till 5 pm on Nov. 7th. Entry fee for the event weather you are a vendor or just attending is donations. Donations of can goods and or non-perishables or cash donations will be accepted. The food and non-perishables will be given back to the city of Catoosa food pantry to help a community that help all of us. Along with the swap meet we are planning on having a cruise that same morning. We will meet for breakfast and cruise through Tulsa and end up at the swap meet sight in Catoosa. More information can be found on the event FB page by searching "Port City Cruise-In & VW Swap Meet"

4th Annual Disc Battle for the Kids- November 14th
Location: Chandler Park 6500 W 21st St, Tulsa, OK 74107
Time: Sign up 9:30 – 10:30 A.M., Player meeting 10:45, Tee off at 11:00. $40/team 2-person scramble (best shot). $5 mulligans or 3 for $10. Each team will receive a premium disc for both players. These discs are brought to you with the help of the Basketcase disc golf. More information can be found on the event FB page by searching "The 4th Annual Disc Battle for the Kids"

Burn Camp Family Christmas Dinner- November 21st
The annual Burn Camp Family Christmas party will be held November 21st at 11:00am at the Owasso Community Center, 301 S Cedar Street, Owasso OK 74055. This event is for Burn Camp members and their families. Food will be provided. Hope to see you there!

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Future Events

Burn Camp has recently started a Public Education Committee. This committee will set up at different events around Oklahoma to educate people about our camp and what our mission is. If you have an event in your area that you think we should be at let us know! You can email us all the details at okffbceducation@gmail.com.

GET SOCIAL WITH US!

Search "Oklahoma Firefighter Burn Camp" on Facebook and @okffburncamp on Instagram.

LETTER FORM THE DIRECTOR

Mercy. What a year 2020 has been. Each and every one of us has had to make sacrifices, learn to be more flexible, and exercise greater levels of patience. I know that I have used my time isolating for greater good, getting many things on my to-do list checked off the list.

Unfortunately, for the first time in 22 years, we had to cancel Burn Camp 2020. It was a very difficult decision, but due to the limited ability to protect our burn camp family from COVID-19, I strongly believe we made the right decision. With that, the Burn Camp executive board and planning committees are looking forward to Burn Camp 2021. We originally planned for camp to be held August 4th through the 8th, however, Frontier Cove was unable meet our needs for that period of time. So, Burn Camp dates have been moved to August 11th through the 15th. I know this may interfere with school, but all other options were not acceptable to the vision of the e-board for camp.

As camp approaches, I encourage anyone who wants to attend camp, but feels like they have restrictions related to school, to contact me. I have been very successful in getting campers, junior counselors, and young adult counselors and volunteers excused from school so that they may attend Burn Camp. The theme from 2020, Masquerade Ball, will be carried over to 2021.

On a very happy note, we will be having the annual Burn Camp Family Christmas party. It will be held November 21st at the Owasso Community Center in Owasso, OK from 11 am-2pm. This event is catered, so there is nothing to do but show up! We have contacted Santa to make an early appearance. For those adults that come from out of town that typically get a hotel and plan to visit, please contact me for alternative plans. Due to COVID-19 we will not be blocking rooms at a hotel for Burn Camp.

I hope all is well with each member of the Burn Camp family and their extended family. I pray the COVID virus has not adversely affected anyone, and if it is has, know that my heart is with you. Remember, this family is made up of survivors, overcomers, and people of resilience. There is nothing we cannot handle together.
Blessed Holiday season to All.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Knowlton
Director