



TITLE: Southern Arizona Camp Fire Council records

DATE RANGE: ca. 1920; 1968-1990 (bulk 1985-1996)

CALL NUMBER: MS 1408

LOCATION: Arizona History Museum, 949 E Second St, Tucson, AZ 85719

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 9.5 linear feet (16 boxes)

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Camp Fire is a nationwide American youth organization founded in 1910 as the sister organization to the Boy Scouts of America. The organization has been co-ed since 1975. Its programs emphasize camping and other outdoor activities for youth. Native American culture has long served as the inspiration for ceremonial activities and attire, camp and council names, respect for nature and the environment, and the use of symbols by many councils. The organization states its mission as: "Camp Fire USA builds caring, confident youth and future leaders." Its slogan, "Give service," indicates the importance of family, club, community, council and country. The traditional symbol is two crossed logs and a three-tipped flame. The word WoHeLo is a combination of the first two letters of the words "Work," "Health" and "Love". WoHeLo is often used as a greeting or password or in correspondence. The Wohelo Medallion is the highest achievement earned in Camp Fire. The medallion takes four years to earn and "is the symbol of present achievement and growth, as well as of outstanding, skilled service to others."

Representatives from Tucson applied for a Camp Fire charter in Tucson in 1966 and the Southern Arizona Camp Fire Council was founded. It ceased operations in 2004.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains a variety of Camp Fire materials from the national organization and the Southern Arizona Camp Fire Council, as well as a small amount of material from other regions. It consists primarily of publications from the national organization and photographs of Southern Arizona Council activities. Also present are correspondence, clippings, audio-visual media, scrapbooks, and five folders of content compiled by people affiliated with Camp Fire. Of the latter, one includes scrapbook pages assembled by Ada Peirce McCormick, which focus on her days as a teacher of Camp Fire leadership at Lock Haven Normal School in Pennsylvania in the mid-1920s. The pages feature class assignments, invitations, newspaper clippings and photographs of group activities. The folder also includes the April 1915 issue of *Wohelo* magazine, a 1989 article about the Little Chapel (non denominational chapel on the University of Arizona campus which was established by McCormick), and 2 copies of *Ada: The Biography of a Woman Ahead of Her Time* by Roger J. O'Mara, 1914-1989. A second such folder contains a scrapbook created by Southern Arizona Council member Connie Jean Russell in completion of her work to earn the Wohelo Medallion, the highest honor given in the organization. The other three personal folders hold materials from members in Santa Clara County, California; Marin County, California; and Monticello, Iowa. Folder 105 also includes *Camp Manual*, published in 1983 by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Series I: Printed materials, 1922-2005 (bulk 1967-2004)

Series II: Photographs, ca. 1916-2004 (bulk 1971-2004)

Series III: Publications and Misc., 1924-2004

Series IV: Scrapbooks, 1954-1967.

Series V: Audio/visual, 1987-2004.

Folders are arranged topically within each series; the photographs in this collection came to the Historical Society with minimal identification.

SUBJECT TERMS: Camp Fire Girls. Southern Arizona Council -- Records and correspondence; Camp Fire Girls. Southern Arizona Council -- Photographs; Associations, institutions, etc. -- Arizona -- Tucson -- Photographs; Children -- Photographs

RELATED MATERIALS: Sparkes photograph collection, PC 126

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
		Series I: Printed Materials	1922-2005 (bulk 1967-2004)
1	1	Activity, Awards and Ceremonies, Grand Council Fire	1923, 1967-2001, (bulk 1985-2001)
	2	Activity, Bicentennial	1976
	3	Activity, Downtown Teens in Action	2003
	4	Annual Reports	1976-1996
	5	Certificates	1967-2005

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	6	Correspondence	1972-1978, undated
	7	Flyers and brochures	1998-2004, undated
	8	History	1926, 1966, undated
	9	Meetings	1970-1973, 1996, undated
	10	Membership	1973, undated
	11	Miscellaneous	1925-2004
	12	People, Jane DeShaw, "My Count Book"	ca. 1946
	13	People, Ada Peirce McCormick, scrapbook pages and misc.	1922-1927, 1988-1989
	14	People, Connie Jean Russell, scrapbook	1988
2	15	People, Katy Sipfle, council ephemera	1956-1961, undated
	16	People, Judy Wilder, Ellen Roberts, Campfire Memory Book	1951-1953
		Series II: Photographs	ca. 1916-2004 (bulk 1971-2004)
	17	Photographs, Activity, Awards and Ceremonies, b&w	ca. 1916-1969 (bulk undated)
	18	Photographs: Activity, Awards and Ceremonies, color (1 of 2)	1972, 2002 (bulk undated)
	19	Photographs: Activity, Awards and Ceremonies, color (2 of 2)	1996-1997, (bulk undated)
	20	Photographs: Activity, Awards and Ceremonies, Album A	ca. 1995
	21	Photographs: Activity, Awards and Ceremonies, Board of Directors and Renovations, Album C	1993
	22	Photographs: Activity, Camping, black & white	ca. 1916 (bulk undated)
	23	Photographs: Activity, Camping, color	undated
	24	Photographs: Activity, Camping, photos from scrapbook	1990
	25	Photographs: Activity, Camping, Spring campout, Sierra Vista, Arizona	April 6-7, 1991
	26	Photographs: Activity, Camping, Album B	Nov. 15, 1992
	27	Photographs: Activity, Crafts, black & white	undated
	28	Photographs: Activity, Crafts, color	undated
3	29	Photographs: Activity, Food and Cooking, black & white	undated
	30	Photographs: Activity, Food and Cooking, color	1973 (bulk undated)
	31	Photographs: Activity, Fundraising, black & white	undated
	32	Photographs: Activity, Fundraising, color	undated
	33	Photographs: Activity, Fundraising, Navajo rug sale, b&w	1985
	34	Photographs: Activity, Fundraising, Navajo rug sale, color	1985
	35	Photographs: Activity, Fundraising, Candy sales	1990-1991
	36	Photographs: Activity, Fundraising, Album B	1993
	37	Photographs: Activity, Fundraising, Album A	ca. 1995

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	38	Photographs: Activity, Fun runs, black & white	undated
	39	Photographs: Activity, Fun runs, color	undated
	40	Photographs: Activity, Fun runs, April 20, 1991	April 20, 1991
	41	Photographs: Activity, Fun runs, Album B	1993
	42	Photographs: Activity, Fun runs, Album C	1993
	43	Photographs: Activity, Fun runs, Album A	ca. 1995
	44	Photographs: Activity, Hiking, black & white	undated
	45	Photographs: Activity, Hiking, color	1972 (bulk undated)
	46	Photographs: Activity, Horseback riding, black & white	undated
	47	Photographs: Activity, Horseback riding, color	undated
4	48	Photographs: Activity, Meetings and education, b&w	undated
	49	Photographs: Activity, Meetings and education, color	1996-1997, undated
	50	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous, black & white	undated
	51	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous, color	undated
	52	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous, Mini-Olympics	May 3, 1985
	53	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous, black and white	1985
	54	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous, color (1 of 2)	1985
	55	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous, color (2 of 2)	1985
	56	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous, Sierra Vista Council Fire	May 13, 1989 and Dec. 1989
	57	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous, photos from scrapbook	1990-1991
	58	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous, Album B	1993
	59	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous, Album A, color	ca. 1995
	60	Photographs: Miscellaneous, Album A, black and white	ca. 1995
	61	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous	1996
	62	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous, Pima County grant, community service project, applied leadership	1996-1997
	63	Photographs: Activity, Miscellaneous	1999
	64	Photographs: Activity, Parades, black & white	undated
	65	Photographs: Activity, Parades, color	1968, 1971, undated
	66	Photographs: Activity, Performances, black & white	undated
	67	Photographs: Activity, Performances, color	1972 and undated
	68	Photographs: Activity, Play, black & white	undated
5	69	Photographs: Activity, Play, color	undated
	70	Photographs: Portraits, Single, black & white	undated
	71	Photographs: Portraits, Single, color	undated
	72	Photographs: Portraits, Group, black & white (1 of 2)	undated
	73	Photographs: Portraits, Group, black & white (2 of 2)	undated
	74	Photographs: Portraits, Group, color (1 of 2)	1972, 1973 (bulk undated)
	75	Photographs: Portraits, Group, color (2 of 2)	undated
	76	Photographs: mounted, miscellaneous (1 of 2)	undated

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	77	Photographs: mounted, miscellaneous (2 of 2)	undated
	78	Photographs: Slide show, I-67, Camp Fire	undated
	79	Photographs: Slide show, Nationals, Curtis, Adv, TV, Theatre	undated
	80	Photographs: Slide show, Service club, set, J Jones	undated
		<i>Series II continues in Box 15, Folder 106</i>	
		Series III: Publications and miscellaneous	1924-2004
6	81	Books: Awards and ceremonies	1948-1989, undated
	82	Books: Bluebirds	1962-1977
	83	Books: Ceremonials	1988 and undated
	84	Books: Handbooks	1924-1982
	85	Books: Miscellaneous	1951-2002
7	86	Books: Music	1941-2002, undated
	87	Books: Native Americans	1979-2001
	88	Manuals: Starflight K Trail, Kindergarten level Program and Record Book	2001
	89	Manuals: Adventure Wood Gatherer, Level 4 Program and Record Book	2001
	90	Manuals: Adventure Fire Maker, Level 5 Program and Record Book	2001
	91	Newsletters: Flame and Feather	1968-1999
8	92	Newspaper clippings	1968-1999
	93	Uniforms	
	94	Manuals: Trail Starter, Level 1 Program	2001
	95	Manuals: Starflight Trail Explorations, Level 2 Program	2001
	96	Manuals: Adventure Trail Seeker, Level 3 Program and Record Book	2001
	97	Manuals: Starflight K Trail/Nivel K Program	2001
	98	Manuals: Starflight Trail Starter, Level 1/Nivel 1 Program	2001
	99	Starflight K Trail Baking Plans	ca. 2001
	100	Starflight Trail Starter Baking Plans	ca. 2001
	101	Starflight Trail Explorations Baking Plans	ca. 2001
	102	Middle school baking projects	2003
9		Awards	1974-2004
		<i>Series III continues in Box 15, Folders 103-105</i>	
		Series IV: Scrapbooks	1954-1967
10		Scrapbook and certificates	1954-1955 and 1957
11		Scrapbook	1960s
12		Scrapbooks	1966-1967
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Box	Folder	Description	Dates
		Series V: Audio visual	1987-2004
13		"Campfire" (reel-to-reel) "Quality chocolate sale" (reel-to-reel) "Sean Elliott PSA" (reel-to-reel) "Wonderful memories" (reel-to-reel) "Creek Walking" (Betamax tape) "Navajo rug sale" (U-matic tape) "Southern Arizona Council, Council Fire song" (cassette) "Camp Fire songs 2004" (cassette) untitled (cassette)	1987, 2004, undated
14		VHS tapes: "BASICS candy sale "Campfire Boys and Girls history" "Camping/Club programs" "Chris and kids: Youth expo" "Community family club: Spanish version" (2) "Count on me kids" (2) "Count on Me" and "Peer Proof" "Creating a Peaceful Community with Peacebuilders" "Creek Walking" "I'm Peer Proof" (Sessions 1 and 2) "I'm Peer Proof" (Spanish) "I'm Peer Proof" "Peer Proof" (Sessions 3-6) "Lute Olson roast of Jerry" "Navajo rugs and J.B. Tanner" "Self-Reliance: A Foundation for Life" "Direction" (national version) "Today's kids: Tomorrow's leaders" (3) "Sean Elliott PSA"	1994-2003, undated
15	103	Manuals: Discovery program drafts	ca. 2003
	104	Manuals: Curricula for babysitting and service learning	1989, 1996
	105	Manuals: Outdoor training materials	1983, 2002, undated
	106	Photographs: Kickoff, 2000-2001 (includes negatives)	ca. 2000
	107	Photographs: Las Montañas	ca. 2000
	108	Photographs: Summer Day Camp (includes negatives)	2000-2001
	109	Photographs: Council Fire (includes negatives)	2002
	110	Photographs: Summer camp (includes negatives)	2002
	111	Photographs: Val 4 Vets Leaders Training for Bev (includes negatives)	2002
	112	Photographs: Las Montañas (includes negatives)	2003
	113	Photographs: Canoe trip and camp out	2003
	114	Photographs: Fun Run (includes negatives)	2003

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	115	Photographs: Downtown Teens in Action (includes negatives)	2003
	116	Photographs: Outdoor skills day	2003
	117	Photographs: Day camp session IV (includes negatives)	2003
16	118	Photographs: Council Fire (includes negatives)	2003
	119	Photographs: Starflight Day Camp IV(includes negatives)	2003
	120	Photographs: Candy sale Club #11 at Roberts Fiesta del Corazón (includes negatives)	2004
	121	Candy camp–final camp out of Southern Arizona Council	May 2004
	122	Photographs: Candy sale kickoff and group photos by grade	2004
	123	Photographs: Candy sale kickoff	2004
	124	Photographs: Candy sale and Youth Expo	2004
	125	Photographs: #1 session	undated
	126	Photographs: #2 session	undated
	127	Photographs: #4 session	undated
	128	Photographs: #5 session	undated
	129	Photographs: Grand Council Fires	undated
	130	Photographs: Camping	undated
	131	Photographs: Sports, games, fun	undated
	132	Photographs: Service projects	undated
	133	Photographs: Alumni, leaders and staff passing on traditions	undated
	134	Photographs: Club traditions	undated
	135	Photographs: Teens in Action	undated
	136	Photographs: Summer day camps	undated
	137	Loose photos (date and/or event unknown)	2003 (bulk undated)
	138	Loose negatives	undated