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Happy Birthday Boys and Girls

## A New Day for Camp Fire



The oldest Camp Fire symbol had the word "Girls" on it.

The newest Camp Fire symbol does not.



Camp Fire uses a lot of symbols to show how much work the boys and girls have done. Sometimes patches are used. Also, honor beads are given. The kids can sew them on their costumes or they can make them into belts or bracelets.

On March 17, kids across the country will be singing "Happy Birthday" to the oldest nationwide girls' group.

Camp Fire will celebrate its 69th birthday.

When Camp Fire was founded in 1910, it was known as Camp Fire Girls. This was changed several years ago to let boys take part.

Today Camp Fire has 750,000 members. It has clubs in over 35,000 cities and towns.

### New Day

Camp Fire still has many of its old traditions.

Outdoor camping is still very important.

But more up-to-date programs have been added.

These are called "New Day" plans.

A few of the ideas are: "Drop In" centers to give kids a place to go after school.

The "I Can Do It" plan teaches kids how to take better care of themselves and help their working parents.

Kids can take part in one-day or short-term activities, such as museum visits or ice skating trips, or they can take part in Camp Fire programs year-round.



Years ago — When Camp Fire was first started by Dr. and Mrs. Luther Gulick, the girls wore bloomers and middies as their costumes.



Today — A male Camp Fire leader helps a group make Mother's Day gifts.



This Camp Fire girl has earned lots and lots of honor beads. Each bead has a special meaning showing that she has mastered a new skill.

