

BIG DIFFERENCE

how a little girl made a



Some things are too good to keep to yourself. 5th grader Monica started out at Camp Tannadoonah as a day camper, and five years later she has become a fixture at Camp. As a member of the Camp Fire Club program, she's introduced dozens of other children to Camp. But this year, she decided to share Tannadoonah in a special way

Campers often work throughout the year to earn money toward camp, including the Camp Fire car wash, candy sales, and pizza fundraiser. Monica donated \$175 of her hard-earned credits for a campership. Her gift helped pay for a boy at her school who had heard all about camp, but couldn't afford the full registration.

Monica's mom said, "I was really surprised. I asked her if she had someone in particular

in mind. She said no. She just wanted it to go to someone who couldn't afford camp. We recommending this boy at her school who really wanted to come and would do really well at camp. He's such a good kid, and we thought he should get to experience Tannadoonah."

This year, the campership fund helped more than 60 campers, an increase from 10 in 2007. The program asks parents to contribute a portion of the registration, allowing the funds to be spread over many more campers. Thanks to the support of Birch Lake residents and people like Monica, camperships are at an all-time high. As we continue to grow, camperships will play an integral role.

To learn more about camperships and how you can help share Camp Tannadoonah with a child, please email maureen@riverbendcampfire.org.



Pumpkin Pancakes Win National Recognition

Two Camp Fire groups joined to create Pumpkin Pancakes, a healthy and delicious recipe just in time for Fall. Led by Elaine Veevaete and Kathy Horn, the kids learned how to follow a recipe, measure, mix, and cook a healthy meal. The Pumpkin Pancakes recipe was featured on the Home Baking Association website and seen by thousands of visitors. You can find the recipe and more info at www.riverbendcampfire.org/pancakes/



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Family Camp Weekend
Camp Tannadoonah

Sept
19-21

Come be a kid again! Rent a cabin or pitch a tent...camp is open for families of all ages! Learn more at www.tannadoonah.org

Fall Camp
Camp Tannadoonah

Sept.
26-28

Couldn't get enough this summer? Or maybe you want to try it out before you register for next year? A weekend of camp in the fall is just the break you need from the fall school semester.

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