

# Camp Fire Day to be celebrated

Thursday (Sept. 11) has been declared "Camp Fire Day" throughout the Oakland District of Camp Fire Girls Detroit Area Council. Nearly 2,000 Camp Fire members in Oakland County will be celebrating as they publicize the youth-serving agency and recruit new girl and adult participants. Camp Fire Girls, from the youngest Blue Birds to high school Horizon Club members, can be seen wearing their red, white and blue service costumes to classes. Schools, libraries, community centers and places of business are displaying red, white and blue posters with the message, "Say YES to Camp Fire - Join Now." Camp Fire groups will be doing service projects and entertaining prospective members on Camp Fire Day. Present Camp Fire membership in the tri-county area numbers 7,000. The membership goal for the

1975-76 program year is 8,500, an increase of 21 per cent. Camp Fire has experienced a declining membership over the past two years and seeks to bring its numbers back to the 1973 levels. June Detrisac, of Lathrup Village and a Lathrup Village councilwoman, is the volunteer chairperson for Oakland District. "We are most interested in recruiting adults to lead Camp Fire groups," said Mrs. Detrisac. "There are so many girls who could be a part of the Camp Fire program except for the lack of leadership."

THE OAKLAND District of the Detroit Area Council serves all parts of Oakland County with the exception of greater Pontiac, where there is a Pontiac Council. Current areas of membership strength include Ferndale, Royal Oak, Lathrup Village, Farming-

ton, Walled Lake, Madison Heights and Troy.

Today's changing lifestyle, with many more women in the job market, has caused Camp Fire to re-think its leadership program," continued Mrs. Detrisac. "Traditionally, the Camp Fire leader was a young housewife with children of her own in Camp Fire. Now, working women are sought to give some of their time each month to Camp Fire; the council encourages men to consider Camp Fire leadership-sharing in the education and recreation of their daughters and of other girls, women whose children are grown and no longer living at home, college-age men and women, men and women who are not parents, senior citizens — all are among those who could give service to Camp Fire."

What are the characteristics of a good leader?

"Above all, Camp Fire wants persons who are interested in, and enjoy being with, youngsters," affirms Mrs. Detrisac. Camp Fire Girls range in age from 6 years old through senior high school, with the majority of the membership in the Blue Bird (ages 6-8) and Adventure (ages 9-11) levels.

The Camp Fire program stresses the small-group experience. Camp Fire groups average 10 girls each. The program offers girls opportunities to give service to the community, to learn new skills, to make friends, to have fun, to become aware of the needs of others, and to go camping all year long.

## For women

# 'Divorce' among college classes

The Women's Studies Program of Wayne State University's College of Lifelong Learning is directed to single women, married and divorced women, women with children, women as artists and writers, women as revolutionaries, women as housewives and women with careers.

courses are held at the WSU Southfield Center, 25610 W. Eleven Mile Road, as well as in Troy and Oak Park. This fall's non-credit offerings include a "Feminist Art Studio" in Southfield on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon which will allow students to choose their own media for expression, from water color to

painting to sculpture.

"Living with Divorce" is a seminar designed to discuss and hopefully solve problems divorced couples run up against, including loneliness, coping with children as a single parent and certain legal problems. The class will meet from 8-10 p.m. Mondays in Troy. "Career Planning for Women" is

especially for women looking for that first job, going back after a long absence, or switching careers in mid-life. Self-evaluation and both traditional and non-traditional roles for women combine to make it easier for women to plan their careers. A credit course, it will meet in Oak Park from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays. Other credit courses range in subject matter from "Women and the Law" to "Anthropological Perspectives on Women."

Classes begin the week of Sept. 22 with registration now going on. Day care facilities are available through the Southfield-Lathrup Co-op Nursery.

For further course or registration information call Program Coordinator Jane Raitt.

THE COLLEGE of Lifelong Learning will get into the swing of America's upcoming bicentennial celebration with two new courses this fall.


"The Bicentennial Woman" will study America as reflected in the written word of 15 generations of American women. Using letters, novels, journals and poetry, the class will discuss the Puritan ethic, immigrations and migrations, female psychology and physiology and look ahead to the possible future of American women.

The 10-week course will meet on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. at the Rackham Building, 60 Farnsworth, Detroit, beginning Oct. 14. Eugene Beall is the instructor.

"American Society in the Making" will be based on a series of 18 articles to be printed in the Free Press beginning Tuesday.

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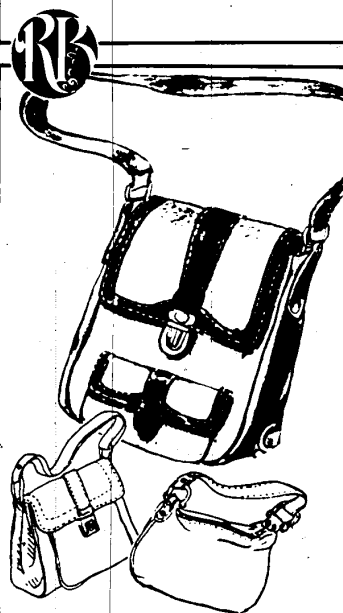
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