HISTORY MOMENT

from the Charles “Chick” Barker Family

Years before Camp Prime Time opened in the beautiful space by Clear Lake, it was the site for the summer curriculum for Washington State College (WSC, later WSU) Department of Civil Engineering. One of the key founders and contributors to the camp was Charles “Chick” Barker, a Civil Engineering Professor at WSC, and our grandfather. The Barker family (Chick, his wife Peg, and their three sons; Tom, Dick and Jim) spent summers at WSC/WSU survey camp from 1937 through 1970. As the family grew and had families of their own, trips to camp included spouses and grandchildren making up 3 generations of the Barker family. The nine grandchildren, some of their spouses, and the wives of two of the Barker sons, gathered at Camp Prime Time in June to reminisce about our grandparents and parents and enjoy a reunion. We went to our grandparents’ cabin and were amazed to see the height chart started by Chick & Peg and maintained throughout our time there with dates in the early 1940s through the end of the 1960s! The blend of history, with amenities that serve its newest purpose, make Camp Prime Time an organization with a location that clearly values past and present. We are grateful for the opportunity to be together this summer to share another Camp experience, and are happy the beloved WSU Survey/Prime Time Camp continues to be such a worthwhile place in the lives of many people.



“For me and my family, we are beyond appreciative. I believe Camp Prime Time made a difference in Shanti’s relationships with her brothers. Obviously, it was great for her, but it was also a gift she gave them. It was an opportunity for them to camp, which they loved. They also got to hang out with other sibs and that was invaluable. Thank you founders and all the volunteers SO much! Truly wonderful philanthropy opportunity and for those with the means, please consider donating your $ and/or time.”

-Tracie, Richland, WA.



Rainbow Girls

The Washington-Idaho International Order of the Rainbow Girls chose Camp Prime Time as their Jurisdictional Service Project for 2025–2026! To support us, they hosted a Color Run/Walk fundraiser, created and sold handmade items, volunteered on-site, and created beautiful fidget blankets for our campers! Through all their hard work, they raised an incredible amount—just over $46,000!

Thank you so much to the Rainbow Girls, their advisors, and all the generous donors who supported them!

Ralph and Dave Berthon "Our Founders"



The early years

Fall 2026



2011



2006



2024

Camp Prime Time Newsletter

If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are an excellent leader.

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Exec. Director Margaret Filkins with Camper Cameron

A Note from the Executive Director

Throughout Camp Prime Time's 40th Anniversary year, I have had numerous opportunities to reflect on the legacy of Dave and Ralph Berthon's vision to create **a special place for special families**. Throughout the years, the founders, volunteers, and staff have continued to dream about all of the ways we can grow, improve, and serve the campers. Along the way, there were some steep learning curves as we conquered turning ideas into reality, and we were always led by the efforts and example of these people who are the embodiment of our organizational legacy.

As you walk around Camp Prime Time, you see our history in the older cabins, the survey markers in the fireplace, the Washington State College signs on each side of the chimney, the height markers mentioned in the Barker Family article, and the Memorial Kiosk by the Treehouse. When I visit camp, meet a family, spend time with a volunteer, and talk to a donor, I am honored to be a part of Camp Prime Time and I hope that I may add to the impact that has already been made on the hundreds of families that are lucky enough to have experienced this special place.

Thank you, Ralph, Dave, and the volunteers who have been such excellent leaders!!! You inspire all of us to dream, learn, do, and become... **MORE.**



Dick Haapala
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Upcoming Opportunities

November 26, 2026

Turkey Trot
9 am start time
Sarg Hubbard Park

December 26 - January 3

Christmas Tree Chipping
Pape Machinery,
3110 Fruitvale Blvd.

Interested in volunteering?

Call the Camp Office to help with these events, spring and summer cleanup, or camp sessions for 2027!

April 2027
(Date to be determined)

Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast

November 20, 2027
Biennial Building Memories
Dinner & Auction

Scan the QR code or visit www.campprimetime.org to see what's happening at Camp! For your convenience, a pledge envelope is also included in this newsletter.

