

# The Edge Newsletter



Winter 2025



## The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting

**March 15, 2025,**  
**at Four Points Conference Center**  
*Doors open at 5:30pm*

We invite you to join us for our 2025 Annual Meeting on March 15 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Bellingham. We'll celebrate all that we accomplished in 2024 while enjoying a delicious dinner buffet, ending the evening by drawing winners for several \$50 door prizes and two \$500 grand prizes. Grand prize tickets are on sale at the credit union until March 13.

**Dinner tickets are \$10 and are on sale January 14 – March 7, 2025.** Seating is limited – call us at (360) 734-5790 or stop by the credit union to make your reservations before tickets are sold out!



## WestEdge Events

- **Annual Meeting**  
*Saturday, March 15*
- **Royal Family Kids Camp Fundraiser**  
*March & April*

## Holiday Closings

- **New Year's Day –**  
*Wednesday, January 1*
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day –**  
*Monday, January 20*
- **Presidents' Day –**  
*Monday, February 17*

## Our Purpose

*Bringing peace of mind to our membership, employees and communities we serve.*

## Call for Board Nominations

WestEdge is looking for talented and passionate volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors and its committees. As a not-for-profit financial institution, our volunteers are an essential part of keeping our credit union strong and successful.

***You're invited to be part of your credit union's bright future!***



If you would like to be considered for our volunteer Board of Directors, request an application packet by calling **Scott Segel at (360) 734-5790** or visit **[westedgeCU.org/elections-2025](https://westedgeCU.org/elections-2025)**. All applications must be received by close of business on February 1, 2025.

Thank you to all Board and committee volunteers and those who apply!



# Changing Lives, One Kid at a Time

## Royal Family Kids Camp FUNDraiser – March & April 2025

Every year, WestEdge aims to donate “camperships” to local children in foster care who need a fun and safe place to be a kid, and this year is no different. Our annual Royal Family Kids Camp fundraiser for camp scholarships will run through March and April.

Help change the lives of these kids – **bid in our silent auction or make a cash donation.** Visit the credit union lobby to see the gift baskets you can bid on throughout the fundraiser or call us at **(360) 734-5790** to make a donation.

**Let’s help children remember what it’s like to be a kid this summer.**

### Kids Saving Savvy

It’s never too early to practice making good money decisions, and young WestEdge members do just that! At WestEdge, there are three Youth Accounts to choose from:

- Youth Account 1.0 (age birth-12 years)
- Youth Account 2.0 (age 13-17 years)
- Youth Certificate Account (age birth-17 years)

These special accounts are designed to reward you. With incentives, contests, consultation programs and more, you can build your savings savvy that will pay off in a BIG way!

Start saving now! Every time you make a deposit, your name is entered into a monthly drawing for FREE money from WestEdge. Learn more at [westedgeCU.org/youth](http://westedgeCU.org/youth).

Our latest winners are:

**\$5 Winners:** Kellen Goodin, Anna Vandermeij

**\$10 Winners:** Samson Gardner, Alejandro Rodriguez Tudon, Ashby Bounds

Access your accounts 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with WestEdge Online Banking at [westedgeCU.org](http://westedgeCU.org) or Telephone Teller by calling **1 (800) 254-2722**.

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### The Credit Union Difference People Helping People



**Not-for-Profit:** We exist to serve our members, not to make a profit. Credit unions do not issue stock or pay dividends to outside stockholders. Instead, earnings are returned to our members in the form of *lower loan rates, higher interest on deposits and lower fees.*



**Ownership:** A credit union is an economic democracy. Each credit union member has equal ownership and one vote – regardless of how much money they have on deposit. At a credit union, every customer is both a member and an owner.



**Volunteer Boards:** Each credit union is governed by a board of directors elected from the credit union’s membership. Board members serve voluntarily.



**Financial Education for Members:** Credit unions help members to become better-educated consumers of financial services.



**Social Purpose:** Credit unions exist to help people, not make a profit. Our goal is to serve all our members well, including those of modest means – every member counts. Our members are fiercely loyal for this reason. They know their credit union will be there for them in bad times as well as good. This people-first philosophy compels credit unions and our employees to get involved in community charitable activities and worthwhile causes – just ask us!



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