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CAMP FIRE USA KICKS-OFF **ANNUAL CANDY FUNDRAISER**

(King, Kitsap & N. Mason Counties, WA) – Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council (CFCPSC) is proud to have the nation's highest candy seller, Katie Scott, among its ranks. Katie is gearing up to beat her previous record of selling 2,466 boxes of candy, and she will get started when CFCPSC kicks-off its annual Candy Fundraiser at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2010.

Just like Katie, who has sold 12,000-plus boxes of candy over the last ten years, CFCPSC youth of every grade level will be participating in the Candy Fundraiser from January 22nd to February 15th. Four delicious varieties are available this year for \$5 a box, including: Creamy Smooth Mint Patties, Almond Roca, Almond Caramel Clusters, and P-Nuttles. P-Nuttles are an exciting new addition to this year's Candy Fundraiser; they are fire roasted peanuts, coated with a sweet, crunchy, butter toffee shell. Remember, the fundraiser runs through February 15th, and Camp Fire candy makes a great Valentine's Day gift.

The money boys and girls earn from the Candy Fundraiser goes towards helping their groups pay for activities and supplies, purchasing emblems, and paying for summer camp. Also crucially important, part of the Candy Fundraiser money is directed back to Camp Fire's Group and Camping programs.

Camp Fire boys and girls will be out in their communities selling candy at grocery stores and other local businesses for the duration of the three-week Candy Fundraiser. Alternatively, supporters may now securely purchase candy on the council website at <https://www.campfire-usa.org/secure/candyorder>. Candy purchased online can be sent with special Valentine's Day gift wrap, too!

Camp Fire USA is one of the nation's leading not-for-profit youth development organizations, serving nearly three quarters of a million participants annually. Camp Fire USA, with national headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, provides inclusive, co-educational programs in hundreds of communities across the United States. The Central Puget Sound Council serves over 12,000 youth and families in King, Kitsap and North Mason counties. Camp Fire USA's mission is to build caring, confident youth and future leaders. By design, Camp Fire USA's programs include family and small group experiences, after school programs, camping and environmental education, child care and service learning. The Camp Fire USA experience builds confidence in younger children and provides hands-on, youth-driven leadership experiences for older youth. For more information, visit www.campfire-usa.org.

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