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## **Danielle A. Shoemake is awarded 2008 WoHeLo Award**



(Seattle). Danielle A. Shoemake will receive her WoHeLo Award at the annual Camp Fire USA C.A.R.E. Dinner and Awards Banquet on Wednesday, May 14, 2008,

The Wohelo Award is Camp Fire USA's most prestigious youth award. It is open to all youth members in high school regardless of the Camp Fire USA programs they participate in. "Wohelo" is a word one of Camp Fire USA's founders, Charlotte Vetter Gulick, created by combining the first two letters of work, health and love. To be awarded a Wohelo Award individual must complete an intensive and individualized project that typically takes two to three years of planning, service and documentation to complete as the project generally entails significant leadership and decision making. The award requires candidates to plan, lead, teach, take action and advocate for three service causes, utilize adult experts and evaluate their projects at the conclusion. About 200 youth earn the Wohelo Award, nationally, each year. The Central Puget Sound Council generally accounts for 5-10% of the total Award winners.

Danielle's Wohelo Advocacies included raising awareness and support in the community for those affected worldwide by poverty through hosting an Alternative Gift Fair and leading the Mission Committee at her church. She also encouraged high school students to serve their community by leading children in educational activities at Camp Fire's annual Carnival of Beads and also leading the youth herself. "Educating my community and myself on how we can work towards preserving our

deteriorating world by teaching children about our affect on the environment is very important to me.” Shoemake said.

Danielle has been a Junior and Senior Day Camp Counselor for 4 years, a song leader at various council events and spoke at the annual Camp Fire auction about her involvement in Camp Fire. She has a ten year ‘Tenure Award for Day Camp’ participation, Six ‘200 Service Hour Awards’ and two ‘President’s Student Service Awards’ in her 13 years as a Camp Fire member. Danielle is an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate and as a member of the National Honor Society, tutors Japanese students. She also participates in the Ingraham High Marching Band as section leader and drum major, Ingraham Varsity Softball for 4 years and team co-captain her senior year. Danielle has played recreational soccer for 12 years on a City Tournament Champions team. At Wallingford Presbyterian Church she’s been a youth group member, Sunday school teacher and attended national conferences. Danielle will attend the University of Washington with a major in pre-medicine and plans to go medical school to become a doctor. To encourage other youth, Danielle says, “If you are dedicated to your mission then the requirements will simply come second hand,”

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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 since 1977 and local offices in Seattle since 1911, provides all-inclusive, co-educational programs in hundreds of communities across the United States. 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](http://www.campfire-usa.org).

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