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CAMP FIRE USA CONFERS HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT TO YOUTH LEADERS

Seattle, Wash – Leadership, teaching, service and advocacy. That’s how thousands of teens across the country spend hours and hours each week as they work toward the Wohelo Award, the highest achievement in Camp Fire USA, one of the nation’s leading youth development organizations.



Jennifer Melissa Johnson of the Central Puget Sound Council has successfully completed the requirements for Camp Fire USA’s highest honor. Jennifer attributes her organizational skills to her experiences in Camp Fire. A student at North Kitsap High School, Jennifer helped organize three blood drives at her school, recruiting student donors, staffing the drive and donating blood herself. She calculates that her efforts could save 300 lives. Jennifer also served at Bainbridge Island Day Camp leading a 4th grade group. Her other work included helping low-income families with home building and repair working with the Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority. After graduation Jennifer plans to attend Everest College in Bremerton for training to become a massage therapist.

When asked how she benefited from earning this award Johnson said, “I feel that Camp Fire has taught me to do the right thing.”

The Wohelo Award provides an intensive, individualized experience requiring recipients to plan, lead, teach, take action, and advocate for three service causes, utilize adult experts, and evaluate their projects at the conclusion. This award helps foster key developmental assets in youth, such as service to others, constructive use of time, planning, decision-making, and self-esteem. The word Wohelo comes from the first two letters of the words work, health and love. In 1910, Wohelo was coined as the organization’s watchword. Each year, approximately 200 youth nationally receive this prestigious award. The Wohelo Award allows Camp Fire USA to serve its mission of building caring, confident youth and future leaders.

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Camp Fire USA provides all-inclusive, co-educational youth development nationwide. Founded in 1910, with national headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, 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. The Central Puget Sound Council serves King, Kitsap and North Mason counties. For more information, visit www.campfire-usa.org.

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