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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.



Kayla Smith of the Central Puget Sound Council has successfully completed the requirements for Camp Fire USA’s highest honor. Through accomplishing her Advocacies, Kayla Smith believes she learned a great deal about herself, increased her confidence, and reaffirmed her passion for music. Kayla raised funds for the Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation, and taught elementary school youth flute skills, as well as created and led a flute choir among her peers. Understanding the ability of songs to maintain traditions and create a sense of community, Kayla worked to increase song participation at Hans Jensen Day Camp and East area council events. Her leadership during council events, including Council Fires, Salute to Hospitalized Veterans and the Camp Fire Birthday Party, and the games she taught during Hans Jensen Day Camp provided Camp fire youth with greater opportunities to get to know each other. Kayla is a senior at Interlake High School, and will enroll at Central Washington University after graduation.

Camp Fire USA has made a great impact on Kayla’s life. “I am naturally a shy person and through my Wohelo Award I have become more confident. My music advocacy helped me realize that I want to do music as a career,” states Smith

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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