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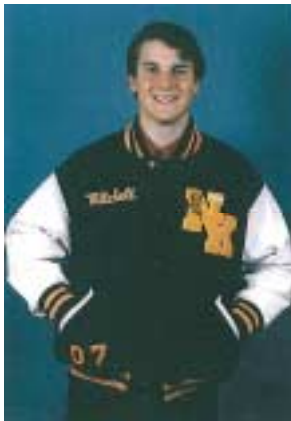
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CAMP FIRE USA CONFERS HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT TO YOUTH LEADERS

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.



Mitchell Barrett Johnson of the Central Puget Sound Council has successfully completed the requirements for Camp Fire USA’s highest honor. Mitchell received his Wohelo Award this year during his second year at Olympic College, where he studies computer science. For his three Advocacies, Mitchell led volunteers during the building of homes for ten low-income families with the Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority, served as a Day Camp counselor, and also led workers on a Bainbridge Island Road End Project to create a safe walking path removing debris and dealing with erosion. Mitchell says he will always treasure the friends he made and feels that the leadership skills he acquired will benefit him in any future employment he undertakes.

Camp Fire USA has made a great impact on Mitchell’s life. “Camp Fire has taught me perseverance. Even with learning and physical disabilities, he was proud to work hard every day and never give up,” states Johnson.

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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