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NATIONAL INCLUSION PROJECT MAKES CAMP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR KIDS WITH DISABILITIES

(King, Kitsap & N. Mason Counties, WA) – For the second year, the National Inclusion Project (formerly the Bubel/Aiken Foundation) has awarded a \$10,000 grant to Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound Council to implement “Let’s ALL Play – Inclusion in Recreation Programs.” The grant allows children with physical and developmental disabilities to enjoy a successful summer day camp experience in an inclusive setting.

The National Inclusion Project has been actively developing its Let’s ALL Play Program since the program’s inception in 2004. Today, the Foundation supports inclusive recreational programs across the country. Providing this grant to Camp Fire USA Central Puget Sound is another exciting step toward National Inclusion Project’s goal of full inclusion. Through the Let’s ALL Play Program, the Foundation supports recreational programs in their efforts to implement inclusive camps by providing a program model, funding and training. Two members of the Camp Fire staff attended training in Raleigh in preparation for this project.

“We are very excited to work again with The National Inclusion Project to further open Camp Fire USA programs to children with disabilities,” said Jane White Vulliet, CEO of the Central Puget Sound Council. “This will help enable us to give more children the chance to participate in activities they and their families may have never thought possible.”

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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The National Inclusion Project provides services and financial assistance to promote the full integration of children with disabilities into the live environment of those without. The Foundation strives to create awareness about the diversity of individuals with disabilities and the possibilities that inclusion can bring. To learn more about The National Inclusion Project or ways to get involved, visit their web site at www.inclusionproject.org.

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