



Jen Wheeler
Camp Fire USA Orca Council
2004 Wohelo Award Recipient

Jen Wheeler feels most passionate about helping others and being involved in her community, which has most recently expanded to include a mission trip from University Place Presbyterian Church to Tijuana, Mexico. At UPPC, Jen participates as a student leader in Cornerstone, the senior high youth program, and performs in the contemporary Christian band. "Giving your time is one thing, but giving your heart along with it builds relationships and helps define character. I enjoy working with people and being involved, and find it gives back to me as much or more than I put in," says Jen.

A senior at Curtis High School, Jen is a member of National Honor Society, Orchestra, and A'Cappella choir. Especially involved in the arts department, she has performed in Dance Blast and FAME, the spring musical. She recently traveled to England and France, performing in the world's most famous cathedrals as a member of the Tacoma Youth Chorus.

A 12-year member of Camp Fire USA, Jen has spent several summers as a counselor at Hidden Beach Day Camp, becoming their instructor for the Counselor-in-Training Program. For her efforts in reconstructing and leading this program, she received the Karen Weber Day Camp Award. She has also earned

all four levels of the God and Country Program: God & Me, God & Family, God & Church and God & Life. Along with this she has earned two Honorable Mention Awards from Colgate's Youth for America program. Jen has also earned Torch Bearer Awards in cooking, sewing, money management, and investing. Among the many activities she has participated in, Jen attended Washington Business Week at Western Washington University, and co-led "Team Up For Sara", a very successful drive that added hundreds of potential donors to the National Bone Marrow Registry. She was Facilities Chairman for Camporee 2003: Treasure Island and a co-chair for Grand Council Fire, 2004. She also received the National Presidential Student Service Award three years in a row at the gold level.

"Being a part of Camp Fire has given me the kind of experiences that have allowed me to learn about my passions in life. I am very excited to take what I've learned these past 12 years and apply it to everything I do in the future," says Jen.

Following High School, Jen hopes to attend Seattle Pacific University, where she will pursue a career in dentistry. She hopes to utilize her dental skills to help others through continued mission work.