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Camp Fire USA Accepted To Present Local Presidential Volunteer Service Awards

Southeast Michigan – America has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to helping others and making new connections that bring us closer together as families, as neighbors, as communities, and as a Nation. On September 29, 2008, Camp Fire USA Southeast Michigan Council was accepted as a Certifying Organizations for the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards given out by the President of the United States, currently George W. Bush. This means that locally, Camp Fire USA volunteers, leaders, children and families can log their volunteer service hours and receive this prestigious Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service to others. It encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspires others to make volunteering a central part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. To date, the President's Council has partnered with more than 14,000 Certifying Organizations to bestow more than 400,000 awards to the Nation's deserving volunteers.

If you would like to know more about this award, or how to become a Camp Fire USA volunteer, please call Linda Tarjeft at **1-800-860-5840**.

Camp Fire USA Southeast Michigan Council has been providing youth development services in Southeast Michigan since 1910. Camp Fire USA is all-inclusive, welcoming children, youth and adults regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, or other aspects of diversity. For more about the Southeast Michigan Council, visit www.wathana.org.

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