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Letter of recommendation for Paul Dijxhoorn

Paul Dijxhoorn worked at camp equinunk for the summer of 2009. His role was as a bunk counselor living and taking care of nine year old boys, and outdoor specialist leading hikes, rock climbing, teaching scouting and general outdoor skills.

Paul was one of our best members of staff this summer, recognised by him receiving an E award (given each week to the best counselor)

He had an excellent work ethic and more importantly a great understanding of children and how to motivate, teach and inspire them. He was hugely popular with all campers, telling stories playing games and being involved in all camp activities. The nature of the job was such that he was responsible for the children around the clock, from the moment they woke in the morning until they were all asleep at night. In a camp with 600 children and 150 counselors not only did Paul shine but he was one of the best in the eyes of both the children and his supervisors.

He was instrumental in expanding our outdoor programme and implementing new initiatives to make the programme more fun for the children. As well as the improvements made this summer Paul took the time to put together a detailed proposal for the camp directors on how to improve the programme further for next summer.

Over the summer Paul worked for a total of 806 hours.

I sincerely hope that Paul will return to work at Camp Equinunk next summer as he was an excellent camp counselor who made a great impact on all the children he worked with.

Please feel free to contact me personally for any further information

Yours sincerely

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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past two summers I have had the pleasure of working with Paul Dijxhoorn as a member of the staff at Camp Equinunk. Camp Equinunk is a sleep-away-camp for boys ranging in age from six to fifteen, located in northeast Pennsylvania. Two summers ago Paul came to us for the first time and made an immediate impact with his enthusiasm towards his specialty, outdoor education and camp life. This past summer he was in charge of the outdoor education program and the supervision of another staff member.

Mr. Dijxhoorn brings a high level of professionalism to his job on a daily basis. This is evident everyday when he sets out to prepare for the groups he will be working with and the way in which he runs each session. Paul is never short on creativity in terms of what he is going to have his campers accomplish, but always remembering proper safety protocols. I have never once thought for a moment that an activity run by Paul would not be a success or would put one of our campers in harms way. He gets along incredibly well with his peers who value his in-depth knowledge and capabilities. More importantly, he has the respect of his campers and the campers who come to him for activity sessions.

For all the reasons mentioned above Paul has proven to be a great asset to our camp and has gained more responsibility each summer. I have had the privilege of witnessing Paul while he conducted many sessions ranging from hikes to overnights. His command over the group and subject matter was nothing short of spectacular.

We only hope that Paul can continue with us and impart his great knowledge of the outdoors on our campers and staff alike. He brings such exuberance for the outdoors and his rapport with the campers and staff would be very hard to replace.

Thank you for your time and please feel free to contact me with any further questions,

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