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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek,

Thank you for your kind generosity. Three things that I learned was compassion, self-reliance, and how to care about the surroundings in nature. These have affected my behavior in my everyday life because it taught me how to depend on myself and not other people. Also, my feelings and behavior towards other things has changed as well. My feelings towards my friends and family are good because Outward Bound helped me realize that friends and family are very important in my life. Most of all my behavior has changed tremendously. I have become more outspoken, but in a good way. I am more outgoing and not so shy anymore. I can thank my experiences at Outward Bound for that.

Something that happened on my trip that made a huge impact on me was going rock climbing. Knowing that someone has my life in their hands was something very hard for me to accept. I had to learn how to trust and know that they have my safety in their hands. Rock climbing changed my perspective in many ways for many things. This was a huge moment for me while at Outward Bound. It was a great experience, but also very challenging. Not only physically, but also mentally. Thank you again for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Iliana Lopez".

Iliana Lopez, 12th grade