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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek,

Thank you for your kind generosity. While at Outward Bound I learned that things we do in our everyday lives affect nature. On the 3rd day of canoeing, we came upon one of the rapids. I saw a bunch of weird bubbles that reminded me of soda foam mixed with dirty soapy water. My instructor told me that it was from people dumping things into the river. From that moment on I started taking the "leave no trace" procedure much more seriously.

As a result of my experiences at Outward Bound I realize that I appreciate the simple things in my life a whole lot more. I used to take many things that I have for granted. No longer. I never in my life thought I'd appreciate toilet paper as much as I do now.

The time called Final was the hardest thing I have ever done with a group of strangers. We were given specific tasks to complete as a team and did not have the instructors to guide us unless we were in danger. It was very frustrating working in a team with people from different places. I found that we all thought very differently from each other and myself. I got through it and was very successful. Thank you for a wonderful experience.

Sincerely,

Dat Dang, 12th Grade