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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek,

Thank you for your kind generosity. One of the things that dramatically changed me was hiking deep into the night finally stopping at 3:00 a.m. With my feet covered in blisters, it taught me to never give up no matter how hard my current situation may be. Another thing I learned was how to accept help from other people. I used to think accepting help was a weakness, but now realize it actually helps people bond with each other. I also learned that when you do something, you have to put your best effort forth the first time because you'll just have to do it again later if you mess it up the first time.

One of my most fond memories was when my group was practicing canoeing on a pond and at the end we had to learn how to flip over in the canoe. After we flipped, we played canoe jousting games. It is when two people flip the canoe over and get on top. They shift their weight back and forth trying to knock the other person off. Thank you once again for this amazing opportunity. I will never forget it.

Sincerely,

*Albert Sepulveda*

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