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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek,

Thank you for your kind generosity. During my trip I learned so much. Once I left Outward Bound, I felt a greater appreciation for what I have. I learned how to maneuver a canoe in whitewater. I also learned the techniques of climbing a mountain without falling. Amazing, huh? I often think of my Outward Bound family and I miss them greatly. I must thank you for giving me the opportunity to have met such a wonderful group of people while out on course.

My favorite part of Outward Bound was definitely the mountain climbing. I never thought that I would be able to pull up my nerves and pull myself up a mountain. My most difficult time occurred when I had to allow myself to trust someone to ballay me down a mountain. That first step was the hardest which is the same in actual life. I now know and understand that, in life, the first step of a new endeavor is always the hardest. I have a totally different perspective on life's little difficulties. Everything seems much easier now because, seriously, I climbed a mountain.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to experience Outward Bound. I certainly could not have done it without you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amber Buck".

Amber Buck, 11th grade