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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Svitek,

Thank you for your generosity. Some of the things that I learned while at North Carolina Outward Bound were how to cook on portable stoves, rock climbing, and how to properly carry the heavy backpacks. We also learned how to use topographic maps and how to purify water taken from our dromedaries. For the first 4 days I was crying a lot, but it all went away. Rock climbing changed me. I learned how to trust people and believe in myself. I often thank God that I didn't hurt myself. I made so many new friends and my counselors were great.

I always had patience so that really wasn't an issue while on course. This really was an experience of a lifetime for me. Rock climbing was fun. I learned the different types of knots, how to belay, and important hand signals. This was definitely an experience that I will never forget. It was an adventure of a lifetime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gardeliz Centeno".

Gardeliz Centeno, 10th grade