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Thank you for sponsoring my outward bound trip. Over the past 2 weeks I had many life changing experiences, my limits were pushed, and I met some amazing individuals. I appreciate the opportunity to grow as a person and learn things about myself I otherwise may have never experienced. I was able to rock climb, which has been a lingering dream of mine, and I was able to witness sights that leave you speechless. Thank you again for sponsoring my life changing trip, what I have learned will stay with me forever.

Thank you,

Emily Andrusis

Student Name: Emily Andrusis Course: Rock Climbing + Backpacking Sierra Nevada
Course Dates: 7/13/11 to 7/26/11 Student Age: 15



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Dear Outward Bound,

My name is Elizabeth Motta and I received a very generous scholarship to attend one of your courses. I am currently on the night of day 15 of a 16-day canoeing and rafting expedition. It has been one of the best experiences of my life. I have encountered many different experiences that I would not have been able to if not for this trip. The first amazing experience I have come across has been what I have seen. In the beginning of the trip we were located at Crystal Beyer and I was taken back by the beauty and the sites just kept getting better. Before this I really did not enjoy or appreciate the wilderness and nature. This trip has changed that for me. I really have realized the beauty of everything in nature, even if it is not so beautiful on the outside. Also the sheer nature of this trip has changed me having to survive in the wilderness without the comforts of my daily life at home was difficult. It challenged me in ways that I never knew I could be. The people I have met have also been amazing. I made closer friends people during this 16 day course more than people I have known my whole life. Being on this trip brings people closer than during any life experience. This trip has really changed me as a person. I have learned to love myself for who I am. It doesn't matter if people want to put you down because they want to feel better about themselves. You just have to know that it makes them weak, not you. I am really privileged to have this opportunity.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Motta

WSF Recipient 2011

Student Name:	ELIZABETH MOTTA	Course:	U4RY42-102		
Course Dates:	07/06	to	07/21/2011	Student Age:	16



March, 2012

An Update on the Structure of Outward Bound in the United States

From: Eric Denny, Executive Director, Hurricane Island Outward Bound School

Since 1962, Outward Bound has served hundreds of thousands of students on life-changing expeditions in some of the most pristine wilderness areas in our country. For the vast majority of that time, the venerable Outward Bound "name" was built through a network of independent, regional and community-based schools licensed by Outward Bound USA, a small chartering organization, to meet the strict requirements of providing safe, high-quality courses for our students. In 2006, several of the largest independent Outward Bound schools affiliated under OBUSA to create one large, national organization, focused on serving more students in a wide variety of classrooms by creating an organization with the scale and resources to take full advantage of the Outward Bound brand.

In late 2011, after five years of operating as a national organization, the Outward Bound Board of Directors voted to return to a structure of independent, regional Outward Bound schools and once again focus Outward Bound USA on chartering and safety/quality oversight of the schools. Here's why.

The core of Outward Bound has always been the students whom we serve and the community of individuals who support that mission: the amazing field staff who teach the courses and the supporters who provide the financial resources to make it happen. We thought that by organizing ourselves as a large national organization we would expand our circle of support and provide more opportunities for students and staff alike. We were wrong. Many things were lost in our growing bigger that we need to bring back. One significant lesson learned is that we must refocus and reestablish ourselves in our regions and communities, and among other things, understand that our supporters and donors want the same personal connection to the mission that our students and staff feel.

I first touched Outward Bound as a student in 1982. I became a field instructor in 1990 and have made Outward Bound my career. As the current Executive Director of the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School (HIOBS) I am deeply committed to making sure that Outward Bound serves all of our future students - teens, college students, adults and veterans - with the same passion and commitment that we have demonstrated for nearly 50 years here in the US. Each of you plays an enormous role in keeping the passion and commitment present and I will strive to insure that you are a part of our community.

Your ongoing financial support to the HIOBS Scholarship Program will continue to help support scholarships for students on courses in the Northeast and all over the US. We welcome you as an ongoing part of the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School family and know that you will be kept abreast of the adventures, challenges and outcomes of our school.

If you have questions or thoughts, please do not hesitate to call me at the number below. My email address is: edenny@outwardbound.org.

Thank you for all you do in the service of Outward Bound.