

July 22, 2005
Vida Verde Nature Education
1043 Tunitas Creek Road
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Dear Shawn and Laura,

I'm writing on behalf of the "I Have a Dream" Program of East Palo Alto to express my deep gratitude for the opportunity to take our students to such an organized, engaging, and positive camp for our recent over-night field trip.

As the Program Coordinator and a former teacher, I have deep respect for the excellent management techniques used by all the members of your staff. While we have taken this group on a number of field trips throughout the course of the summer, never have I seen such organized, thought-out, well-planned and prepared programming from any educational group. The students learned so much on this field trip, and they enjoyed themselves immensely. Even children who were nervous or scared overcame their fears in a setting that was so conducive to their learning and their choice.

I plan on telling many of my co-workers and colleagues about the amazing experiences our Dreamers had at Vida Verde. I honestly believe that the trip was successful for every child in attendance.

All of us at "I Have A Dream" had such a fabulous time at your camp that I was moved to sit down and write this letter moments after arriving back out our school site. The work you are doing is tremendous, and I sincerely applaud you for your dedication to the communities where children need your help the most.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Young", with a stylized, flowing script.

Rachel Young
Program Coordinator
"I Have A Dream"- East Palo Alto
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