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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of working with Ben and his crew for four years. Each year the programs offered by Adventure In/Adventure Out improve, and I find them to be very successful. As the Dean of Students at Stoneleigh-Burnham School, I hired Ben to work with our Resident Assistants with a focus on leadership training, group bonding and understanding boundaries. I chose to hire Ben and his team from Adventure In/Adventure Out because it was difficult for the students to let their guard down around teachers. I was so pleased with Ben's work, and the success of the program, after the first year, I again hired Adventure In/Adventure Out to work with our Resident Assistants as well as our juniors and seniors on separate bonding trips. Our students at Stoneleigh-Burnham School participate in bonding trips that take them out of their comfort zones and challenge them to take some risks and to bond as a group.

After the bonding trips, I ask participating teachers to share feedback with me about the bonding trips. One teacher said, "Ben, James and Lilani were great yesterday. They continue to amaze me with how well they keep the girls engaged and can read the groups' energy/interest levels. I also love how they can get the girls to be silly and step out of their comfort areas."

Recently, the 12th Grade Dean shared her thoughts with me about her experience with Adventure In/Adventure Out. She stated, "Overall it was such a success. I am forever grateful to you all for getting the girls out of their comfort zones and also staying safe."

We have also hired Adventure In/Adventure Out to work with our faculty during faculty development activities. Ben and his team are able to arrive with a fresh set of ideas, and without knowledge of friction between groups. By the end of the training with Adventure In/Adventure Out, our faculty felt like more of a collaborative team with open lines of communication.

Ben and his crew at Adventure In/Adventure Out have so many tricks when it comes to working with both adults and teenagers. I know that when I call them with an idea they will have a plan and will make things work.

It has been such a pleasure to work with Adventure In/Adventure Out. The activities offered by Ben and his crew are such an important part of our school year.

Best Regards,

John Larson,
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