



Clackamas Technical Education Consortium **Youth Services**

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm honored to have the opportunity to support Wilderness International Inc. as they are looking for new opportunities to provide positive, pro-social, structured activities for youth. C-TEC Youth Services contracted with Wilderness International Inc. during the summer of 2009 to provide a youth crew work experience in Clackamas County for adjudicated youth. Wilderness International successfully ran a crew of 10 youth for five weeks, working in the Gladstone area parks. During this time, youth became First Aid/ CPR certified, learned construction skills, native plant identification, and leadership skills. They constructed over 500 feet of fence, built Wood Duck nesting boxes, and saved over 40 large trees from invasive vegetation. In addition to all of this, they helped youth to develop resumes, job searching techniques, and learn about new career opportunities.

Wilderness International developed partnerships and relationships in the community that aided in their success. They partnered with agencies such as the City of Gladstone, City of Beaverton, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Clackamas County Juvenile Department on the project mentioned above. Wilderness International led an excellent program and has shown that they know the value in partnership and how to develop and maintain those relationships.

Besides their agency's ability to effectively partner, I was most impressed by the willingness of Wilderness International to run a transparent, well organized, program. They were attentive to the requirements of the funding, had paperwork completed meticulously and turned in early, and sought out opportunities to learn new skills and gain experience. I was truly delighted to work with this organization.

Overall, Wilderness International provided excellent services to youth participants and exceeded our expectations in the administrative requirements of this grant funded project. We would be happy to work with them again in the future.

Sincerely,

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