

Dear Sponsor,

I deeply appreciate your donation to my attending this Outward Bound course. I really enjoyed my time with my instructors and peers. On this trip I feel that I made memories and friends that I will hold dear for the rest of my days. I feel that I got to learn more about myself as a person and how I can grow because of this lifetime experience. I embraced this growth like a breath of fresh air. A highlight from my trip would be conquering my fear of heights during the peak attempt on Three Finger Jack. I conquered it during the way down the mountain. I was crawling on all fours and saying my peers just walking down, so I told myself that if they can do it I can do it. So I picked myself up and walked down that mountain head held high.

This course has forever changed my life and I just want to thank you again for sponsoring me to go on this trip for the experience of a lifetime.

Student Name: Oliver Bauer
Course Dates: 7-6-16 to 7-28-16
Scholarship Award Type: GENERAL LETTER

Course Name: Wotr-652
Student Age: 16
Ethnicity (optional): Hapa

Dear Morehead-Cain Foundation,

As Einstein defines it, insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. For some, arguably many, life can become a pristine example of insanity. It's painful to watch. When I accepted the Morehead-Cain, quite uncertainly, it was with the aim that the opportunities it would afford me would permanently erase that possibility from the relatively miniscule timeline of my existence.

This journey, the true beginning of my Morehead-Cain experience, began 21 days ago at a minute airport in Redmond, Oregon. As life should be, it was unexpected. In these 3 weeks I met people so disparate from those I typically interact. And they became my friends. I trusted them to lead us across the Pacific Crest Trail and summit a mountain. It taught me how to see people for what they can be even if they haven't seen it yet.

Moreover, the skills I gained here will stay with me forever. Traveling with your entire life on your back, fasting for 36 hours in the wilderness, guiding a class 3 rapid, and dozens of other experiences are the pieces of a shield. A shield that is only barely started. A shield that will help me fend off that insanity Einstein warned us of.

So thank you Morehead-Cain. Thank you for helping me begin a life filled with the good kind of insecurity and insanity. A completely different kind of insanity that ensures everyday will be an adventure was begun.

Thank you and see you in the fall.

Megan Ransie

Student Name: MEGAN RANSIE
Course Dates: 7/7 to 7/28/16
Scholarship Award Type: MOREHEAD-CAIN FOUNDATION

Course Name: WOTN652
Student Age: 18
Ethnicity (optional):

Dear Sponsor,

Thank you again for this opportunity even though I don't know you I'm very glad you made this possible for me to go on this expedition. This experience has meant a lot for me in making amazing memories and making different friends from different places and personality.

In this expedition it thought me alot. Before that the reason I chose to come to this expedition was that I wanted to leave the urban city of Houston. I wanted to see how much it'll change my point of view of life and appreciate the things I have. With it I had a life changing experience that I will never forget and that experience was when did the swim in a rapid to the rock was something I did but I didn't want to do. The water was cold no well that was the only reason why I didn't want to do it in that 50°F degree water. one thing is that I was on one of 2 out of 10 that made it to the rock in the group. we underestimated the rapids so much and with it I came to realize how much we pre judge things but at the same time that what makes it challenging and appreciate everything for my instructors who made it fun

In the end I'm glad that I came here because I would never ever appreciate more from the smallest thing in life

Student Name: mauricio martinez
Course Dates: 7/7 to 7/28/16
Scholarship Award Type: GENERAL LETTER

Course Name: WOT 1652
Student Age: 17
Ethnicity (optional):

Dear Sponsor,

I'm an 18 year old from York, Maine named Jack. I will be attending the College of William and Mary next year in Williamsburg, Virginia. I really wanted a better understanding of myself before my first year at college so I decided an Outward Bound adventure would be the best way.

The most impactful portion my experience was the solo challenge. All ten of us were left in the wilderness for 48 hours by ourselves. Being with yourself, and only yourself for a long period of time allows for immense self-discovery. After my time in the woods, I felt more confident in my sense of self than ever before.

I really can't thank you enough for the opportunity you've provided me with. This experience has forever changed me in all the best ways. I am a much stronger person than I could've ever imagined. So once again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Jack Bouchard

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Course Dates: 7/7 to 7/28/16
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Course Name: WOPN652
Student Age: 18
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