



Dear Parents:

Greetings from the wild and beautiful Wind River Range near Boulder, Wyoming. We at the Green River Outreach for Wilderness Foundation are excited to meet you and are working hard to prepare a summer full of positive memories and lifelong friendships for your camper.

As the new Executive Camp Director for Camp GROW, I am committed to learning about your camper before camp begins so that I can best help your camper grow in his/her friendships, confidence, and outdoor skills. I am also committed to providing excellent parent communication and partnering with you to create experiences that will be exciting, beneficial, and fun for your child.

The attached sheet asks you to fill out two questions about your camper. Please take the time to fill these out and return them to us along with the Health Form and Travel Form. This will immensely help our counselors and staff with getting to know your child.

We also encourage your camper to write a letter to his/her counselor. It is still early in our planning so we do not yet know who your child's counselor will be (we make final cabin assignments during orientation once we identify the strengths and personalities of each counselor), so he or she can write the letter to whatever name amuses them. The topic of the letter is: "What I am most looking forward to at camp this summer." Young campers might need some help, but please make sure that the ideas came from your camper.

The purpose of your camper's letter and the attached sheet is to enable our counselors to understand your camper's unique needs and interests in a personal and effective way. We appreciate your time and thoughts, and we assure you that this information will help us create a customized camp experience that your child will love.

See you at Camp GROW!

Sincerely,

Emily Huguenin

Executive Camp Director

Camper Goals

To be completed by parent(s) / guardian(s)

Camper's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

- 1.** I would consider my camper's experience at Camp GROW a great success if he/she grows in the following areas: (please choose those that apply the most and number them in order of importance with 1 indicating the most important)

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| _____ Self-confidence | _____ Water skills (e.g. swimming, canoeing, fishing) |
| _____ Making friends | _____ Arts and crafts (e.g. blacksmithing, leatherworking) |
| _____ Leadership skills | _____ Shooting sports (e.g. archery, riflery) |
| _____ Responsibility | _____ Personal faith |
| _____ Respect for self and others | _____ Self-reliance/independence |
| _____ Sense of moral values | _____ Maturity |
| _____ Emotional adaptability | _____ Health and physical fitness |
| _____ Conflict resolution | _____ Communication skills |
| _____ Horseback riding | _____ Appreciation of nature |
| _____ Outdoor skills (e.g. rock climbing, hiking, backpacking) | _____ Other (please specify) |

We know that this is an ambitious list, but we honestly believe we can help your camper grow in each of these areas. Please let us know what is most important to you!

- 2.** What would you like your camper's counselor to know about him or her before camp? (For example: likes/dislikes, fears, strengths, areas your camper needs to grow, what your camper is excited about, what your camper is nervous about, how your camper handles social situations, etc.) Please feel free to write on the back or attach an additional sheet. The more information you provide, the better the counselor will be able to understand and appreciate your camper. Thank you for your time in completing this sheet. This information will help us to provide the best possible program for our campers and their parents.