

To Whom It May Concern:

Hi, my name is William Long. During the summer of 2015, I attended the Science and Sustainability Course at the North Cascades Institute. The most important skill I learned was how to responsibly and safely backpack. I also enjoyed all the scenery. What a beautiful place! Since then, I have had the chance to do other backpacking trips in the Pacific Northwest and I have plans to do many other hikes in the future.

The backpacking skills I learned were very important. Some of the skills I learned was how to purify water, plan and cook meals, and camp in an environmentally friendly way. It also gave me a chance to compare equipment and make educated choices as I add to my backpacking supplies. I really look forward to backpacking when I can get the chance.

I enjoyed my two weeks in the North Cascades. This is my senior year in high school. I am planning to give a science lesson related to environmentally safe camping to middle school students as part of my senior high school project.

I would really like to thank the North Cascades Institute for the scholarship that allowed me to attend. I had a great time as well as helping me with my senior project. I appreciate the backpacking skills the most, since I had not had the chance to participate in this activity before. It opened up a whole new world of camping opportunities.

Sincerely,

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