



PROVIDER PALS 2ND SUMMER CAMP ENDS IN HEARTFELT LAUGHTER AND TEARS

Laughter, tears, and promises to stay in touch filled the air at Camp Raven yesterday afternoon. Local parents waited patiently, but the bus driver was getting anxious. He understood that the NYC students did not want to leave their new friends, but also knew that the plane wouldn't wait! He and the staff were having to coax the students away from each other and load the NYC bound campers on the bus to Kalispell. It was truly a magical week for everyone – the bonding was immediate and continuous. Even the tired counselors were sad to see the campers head home! *Post event release attached. High resolution photos available. Please contact Echo @ 406-293-8822 or echo@providerpals.com.*

A warm thank you to those who made this experience possible:

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LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

TBC LOGGING – Tour of Logging Job

JOHN, MABEL, AND HARRY BEEBE – Tour of Farm

SCOTT KIRSHENMANN & NW MT GOLD PROSPECTORS – Gold Panning & History

WAYNE BAKER – Orienteering & Lake Activities

LIBBY ARCHERY CLUB – Archery Demonstration & Lesson

JIM MEE & BOB MALYEVAK – David Thompson History

LIBBY DAM – Tour

FOREST SERVICE FIRE CACHE – Fire Fighting Presentation

STEVE MAHONEY – Bus Driver & Overall Helper

CHAS VINCENT – Logger Olympics, Forestry Guide, Etc.

CORY FARMER – Logger Olympics, Etc.

JUSTIN VENN – Logger Olympics, Etc.

A FEW OF THE STUDENT & PARENT THANK YOU'S:

“Thank you so much for helping me learn so much about logging and forestry. I had a great experience learning, and now I can teach my family about logging and forestry.” **Lisa S., NYC**

“Two of the greatest things we did was go to the mine and logging sites. I learned so much!. Thank you!” **Jeremy K., Libby, MT**

“My favorite activity was the mine. I like looking at the machines that were used. To me, Provider Pals is a fun and educational experience. We learned a lot about the things people have to do to provide everyone with the things they need. Thank you so much.” **Geoffrey A., NYC**

“I’m glad that people like you care enough to sponsor Camp Raven which helps us learn about the people who provide our natural resource and how they do it. Thank you Caterpillar also for sponsoring Provider World which my school takes a big part in. I like Provider World and I get perfect score on the ranching quiz.” **Michael M., NYC**

“I have had an incredible time with the Provider Pals Program. I have learned some amazing things, and met even more amazing people! I will never forget my friends here and the things I’ve learned. I owe this life changing experience to you. I will walk away from this experience with so much gained. Thank you all so, so much! You ROCK!” **Lena S., NYC**

“My son, Patrick, from the Center School in NY, arrived home last night as happy as could be. He had an

absolutely wonderful time during his stay at Raven Center. Thank you all for sharing so much of your environment and culture. This was certainly the trip of Patrick's young lifetime and to quote him: "Montana is the most beautiful place I've ever seen!" You made him feel welcome and comfortable, and the treks and adventures in nature will certainly stay with him forever. Thank you for your time, your efforts and your dedication in giving my city kid a very special connection to big sky country." **Mary Dipalermo, NYC**



