Dear Registered Camper & Parents,

We are excited about the upcoming summer programs. We are also excited that you are going to be with us for "Switchback20". It is going to be an amazing 20 days. This letter is to confirm your registration and to inform you of a few important details.

Please pay careful attention to the "What to Bring" list for this program. You can find the list attached to your confirmation email. The list can also be found on our website in the "Parent Center". Our staff has carefully considered and recommended the items listed. This program is non-traditional and requires unique equipment and gear. Please do your best to bring each of the items listed. If you have any specific questions, please contact us. As a reminder, you will be doing a lot of hiking during your 20 days of adventure, including a 25-30 mile trek on week 3. We recommend that your shoes be broken in to avoid blistering.

On the first day of camp, all campers will check in at our Welcome Center parking lot. This is a remote parking area, one mile from our main campus. Directions are detailed on the "Location" section of our website**. Please take the time to carefully read the GPS disclaimer and warning.** Check-in is on Monday, June 22nd, at 1:00 pm. Please note that all campers in this program will be subject to a bag search. If you have reserved a "Rental" backpack, you must arrive at check-in 20 minutes early to pack your rental bag. After transferring your items to a rental bag, all empty suitcases, duffle bags, or bins must be returned back home with parents *(exceptions are made for those arriving by Airline or Greyhound Bus).* **Please Note: It is highly recommended that campers or parents mark every item with the camper's name or initials to help prevent items from being lost or stolen.**

After check-in, campers will be assigned to a team, and be introduced to their guides. Campers will then backpack 1 mile to set up their first base-camp and to begin the adventure. The beginning 5 days of this program is carefully blended together with campers from one of our "Teen Survival" programs. During this time campers will be learning basic outdoor skills needed for the remaining days. Most of the nights during the first two weeks of the adventure will be spent in our base-camp structures. The remaining days will be spent in tents along the trail.

This program concludes on Saturday, July 11th. The checkout process includes a Parent/Camper Picnic and Awards Ceremony. The picnic and ceremony are from 11:30am-2:30pm and is casual dress. Parents will receive additional information about this day and will be invited to RSVP through our website.

We are praying that God will prepare your heart as well as the hearts of the other campers and staff. We are trusting that God will do a great work during this year's Switchback20. We look forward to seeing you there!

Saved to Serve,

Jason J. Perlak
Camp Director