

**SOAR****Success Oriented Achievement Realized**

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Re: Michael Dean Reynolds

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this letter regarding Michael Dean Reynolds. Mike worked as an Outdoor Trip Leader for SOAR, Inc. during the summers of 2006 & 2007, for a total of approximately 16 weeks in the field. SOAR is a private non-profit outdoor adventure program for youth diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorders and/or Learning Disabilities. Courses are from 10-26 days in length and are comprised of activities such as backpacking, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, rock climbing, caving, and ropes courses.

As an Outdoor Trip Leader, Mike was responsible for the constant supervision of approximately eight students in his group. He and his co-staff not only taught students many of the outdoor skills involved in the course, but also helped the students work on personal growth goals such as improved organization, better social skills, and increased frustration tolerance. At the end of each course, Mike and his co-leader wrote an evaluation on each student detailing their progress toward these goals and highlighting strengths that were observed while on the program.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Laura J. Pate, Director of North Carolina Programs

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