

SAMPLE PARENT LETTER

YOUNG LIFE BEYOND MALIBU

Dear Parent,

Forty years ago some Young Life staff people were looking at new and creative ways to expand the Young Life camping program. Beyond Malibu was born out of the idea of going beyond the regular Malibu Club resort camp setting into the rugged outdoors where there would exist more situations that afforded the opportunity to go beyond one's self physically, mentally and spiritually.

Your teenager has an opportunity this year to join the thousands of other teenagers who since the program began in 1970 have gone "Beyond."

Beyond Malibu is a wilderness program through Young Life that has been taking kids into the mountains on hiking trips since 1970 and sea kayaking since 1998. Hiking trips are weeklong treks into the Canadian Coastal Mountains surrounding the Princess Louisa Inlet. Sea kayaking trips paddle for a week through the inlets of the Sunshine Coast near Egmont, B.C.

This year our group will be taking a *Hiking/Sea Kayaking trip* <designate which one> and your child has an opportunity to experience this once in a life adventure. All trips are led by well-trained and experienced staff. No experience is necessary as the participants are taught the skills needed to safely participate in the trip. Please consider whether this is something, you would like your child to be a part of. If you do decide to reserve a space on this year's Beyond trip, please follow the registration instructions on the enclosed form. When we have received the deposit and registration form, we will get the equipment list and medical form to your son/daughter along with any other information.

We are having a Beyond Malibu information night on <Date> at <Location> and hope you can join us. Come with questions or call me at <phone>. You may also call the Beyond Malibu office in Seattle with questions. Their number is (206) 525-0791.

We hope your son/daughter can join us this summer for this worthwhile opportunity.

Sincerely,

<Your Name>