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Dear Camp Counselor Participant:

Congratulations on your participation in the Camp Counselor Program this year. On behalf of the U.S. Department of State, I want you to know that your decision to come to the United States is important to us. We want your stay in our country to be a great experience for you.

Being prepared before coming to the United States will help you have a better camp counselor experience. Before you leave, we suggest that you:

- Contact your camp employer to confirm contract details.
- Notify the camp and your U.S. Sponsor of the exact time you will arrive in the United States.
- Make certain that you have enough money to cover your expenses. Your U.S. Sponsor should provide you with an estimate of the needed amount.
- Study the pre-arrival material provided by your U.S. Sponsor. Contact your U.S. Sponsor if you have additional questions.
- Before you leave, research about the camp and area in which you will live and work in the United States.

During your time in the United States, we hope you will see and learn about many new things, meet many Americans and make new friendships. You are one of thousands of young people from many different countries who will tour and work in the United States on the Camp Counselor program this year. As you meet new people, they will learn about your country and culture. Your decision to come to the United States on this program will help create new relationships between our countries.

Your U.S. Sponsor, identified on your Form DS-2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Program (J-1) Status, is your first point of contact throughout your stay in the United States. If you have any questions about your exchange program or need assistance of any kind while in the United States, please do not hesitate to contact your U.S. Sponsor. Your U.S. Sponsor gave you an emergency telephone contact number in your program orientation materials. This telephone number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In the event that you have concerns or issues that have not been resolved through your U.S. Sponsor, the Department of State can also be contacted through our J-1 Visa Emergency

Helpline (1-866-283-9090) which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or by e-mail at jvisas@state.gov. We are pleased that you made the decision to participate in the Camp Counselor program and hope that you enjoy your stay in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin J. Lerner". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Robin J. Lerner
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Private Sector Exchange