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Office of
Children & Family
Services

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Duane A. Bernard
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Re: Adirondack Leadership Expedition

Dear Mr. Bernard:

David A. Paterson
Governor

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

The State Central Register (SCR) is in receipt of your recent correspondence to Commissioner Carrión of the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) regarding your son, Matthew Bernard, and your concerns with the Adirondack Leadership Expedition. Your letter was forwarded to the SCR for our response.

P.O. Box 4480
Albany, NY 12204

At this time, we wish to advise you that no action can be taken in response to your request of an investigation into allegations of abuse and maltreatment at the Adirondack Leadership Expedition, as the New York State Office of Children and Family Services is only able to investigate programs and/or agencies licensed, or under the jurisdiction of New York State. As a private, for-profit residential wilderness camp, Adirondack Wilderness Expedition does not fall under the New York State Office of Children and Family Services guidelines for investigation at this time.

I regret that we are unable to assist you at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne A. Sample".

Jeanne Sample, Director
State Central Register
Division of Child Welfare
and Community Services

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