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Handing in the Yellow Form

Rock climbing is one of many things that I have only been able to imagine, but not experience. After handing in the yellow form with the agreement of my parents' consent to allow me to go to crew orientation, I was ecstatic. I looked forward to the adventures and challenges that we were going to be exposed to. However things didn't go as planned, and I was unable to experience the moments that others in my crew had. I still heard my friends say how that trip was a moment to remember and how it impacted their lives in a way that nothing else has. The week we were supposed to go, my mother had a personal crisis, and I had to decide whether to go on the trip. I knew that if I had gone I would have been worried about my mother the whole trip and wouldn't be able to truly be present. But I also knew that I would be missing out on a once in a lifetime experience. I was upset and annoyed about my whole situation at home but I needed to know that my mom would be okay and so I decided to stay. However now that I've learned and grown from my obstacles, this opportunity would give me a chance to experience even more than what crew orientation was about. I remember sitting in the auditorium during community meeting, when the school gathered around, and listening carefully to how the students who won the Outward Bound scholarship shared their experiences. Immediately I told Mr. Mears, my crew teacher, that I wanted to be one of them as well. Sharing an experience that would impact my life and challenge myself to what's out there. The summer of 2016 I flew to Omaha, Nebraska and experienced a life changing adventure!

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