



ECUU Peace Camp 2004

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Subject: ECUU 2004 Peace Camp
Letter of Recommendation, Richard Paul, Ventriloquist

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in recommendation of Richard Paul, Ventriloquist. Richard Paul is a talented and professional performer who engaged our campers with his performance "It's Ok To Walk Away". Mr. Paul was charismatically engaging and sensitive to the audience of Kindergarten through sixth grade children. Mr. Paul is extremely skilled in the art of ventriloquism, successfully distracting attention from himself and bringing to life his puppets (both inanimate and human) and thereby exciting his audience. Both the children and adults in his audience enjoyed his performance.

The themes in his program "It's Ok To Walk Away" were presented in a fashion which not only engaged the audience actively with puppetry, interactive ventriloquism and art, but the lessons given were reinforced with conversational speech directed to the audience, not "hidden" within a ventriloquist act. I found his style extremely effective, and noted with pleasure that the themes he spoke to, especially his acts concerning bullying, setting boundaries, being responsible for one's own actions and speaking kindly to others were brought up as positive examples of peace-making several times by the children in later days of the ECUU 2004 Peace Camp.

I heartily recommend the talents of Richard Paul as a skilled artist and a positive role model. His performance is an effective and positive teaching tool for children and adults. I look forward to working with him in the future.

In Peace

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