

Dear Peter,

I just wanted to take a moment to tell you what a great time I had at Beginnings. I had such a great time getting to know everyone there, and I was so amazed by the teachers! They were the best anyone could have asked for. Last night we rented Men In Black to see Boris in it. We were so exited. Hopefully I can see Jusan in Smokey Joe's Café soon. I feel so much more confident now knowing that I can defend myself thanks to Juni. And my monologue coach Terri was what I had hoped for, someone who would keep pushing me to my limits and help me really put myself in the place of the character. Tai Chi was definitely different and enjoyable, now I really know how to get in touch with my feelings and heal myself, too. And who would have thought that I would have a voice teacher that has been on Broadway and television?

When I first arrived at the camp I was a little worried about eating health food for ten days, but as you know we gave the cook a standing ovation! I can't believe how great eating healthy food, getting exercise and drinking the water made me feel. Talk about energy. It made my skin less oily, my nails grow, and I just felt overall healthier. Sure when I got home I had a huge cheeseburger, but I made my dad take me to the store and we bought health food and advantage bars. (I found the hard way that the brownie flavor is the only good one.) That night I made cous cous and vegetables for my family. And of course I am drinking my Vitasoy. I have to admit that cheeseburger made me feel like crap.

Because of the no make up, no contacts, no curling iron policy I was a little self conscious about my looks because I looked nothing like I usually do, but I was surprised at how friendly most people were. I made some great friends and I will keep in touch with them. I was also happy that I got to sing for you. Hopefully next year a can make a great video so I can sing at the showcase.

The rules and policies in the agreement scared me, but it turns out that even though the rules were enforced, the people were very

nice. I especially thought the head chaperone would be mean, but now when I think about Kevin being a dislikeable person I laugh. The campsite was beautiful, the al pacas were so cute that I want one of my own, and the overall workshop was very beneficial to me and I think everyone there. Thank you for putting this camp I mean workshop (Ha Ha) on and for being so caring. Hopefully I will see you next year, and you better bring Jusan back!

Sincerely,
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