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Mr. Niles Crane
Director of Personnel
White Mountain Youth Services
162 Mountain Street
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Dear Mr. Crane:

I was excited to see your ad for a therapist (position #32078) in the March 10 *Boston Globe*. The recent Mondadnock Times article about White Mountain Youth Services made it clear that your staff brings a great deal of compassion and skill to their work, and I would very much like to be a part of that team. I will be earning my masters degree in Counseling Psychology this May from Boston College, and I have extensive experience working with adolescents in a variety of settings.

I would bring to this position the following strengths:

Fluency in Spanish, work with culturally diverse populations. During my clinical field placement at the Thomas P. O'Neill Day School, I provided individual and group psychotherapy to a culturally diverse adolescent population in the partial hospitalization program. I offered bilingual services to clients with major psychiatric disorders, anxiety, depression, and substance abuse. In addition, through a community project at San Mateo High School, I led a group of GLBTQ youth in a video and writing project.

Outdoor skills and experience. An avid rock climber, hiker, and certified white water kayak instructor, I believe I would be an asset to White Mountain Youth Services, given your program's emphasis on outdoor activities. Additionally, for two years I served as a program supervisor at the Academy of Swift River in Charlemont, MA, a private college preparatory therapeutic boarding school which stresses physical fitness and environmental education in its curriculum.

Strong clinical skills. In addition to my work at the O'Neill School, I provided crisis intervention and emergency services at Boston's Cambridge City Hospital for the past year to a diverse client population and co-led a bereavement group for families, often including children and adolescents. I also collaborated with a treatment team of clinical social workers, educators, psychiatrists, and rehabilitation counselors to develop individualized treatment plans.

My clinical skills, my experience with culturally diverse populations, and my passion for fitness and the environment makes me well qualified to serve as a therapist to youth at White Mountain and to participate in your outdoor leadership program.

I look forward to discussing my strong interest in this position with you, and I will call shortly to see about arranging a meeting.

Sincerely,

Bernie Ponchartrain