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Dear Annie,

I want to thank you from the deepest place in my heart for the extraordinary experience I had with the Growing Gardens weeklong kids camp, Summer 07.

From the first inquiry to the final moments of the class, my interactions with the staff at Growing Gardens were excellent, highly organized and delightful. Each person who represented the program showed enthusiasm and joy in being involved.

My daughter, Ruby was among the youngest in the group. The program welcomed 5- 10 year olds both boys and girls. We did not know any other participants prior to signing up. The camper to counselor ratio allowed for a smooth transition with new friendships cultivated from day one. Kids seemed to find new friends, not so much based on age, but a mutual love of gardening. Gardening is not something Ruby was exposed to at home so this new 'passion' was the result of the amazing dedication of the instructors.

In four days, Ruby learned about the miracle of plants. How can a parent thank the organization and staff enough? Every day since the program, Ruby tells me when she sees an edible flower or plant. She has seeds she took home that continue to sprout from weeks ago. Growing Gardens has become a household word since camp. Ruby now helps me water all of our houseplants with a new enthusiasm.

As a parent, I am often in search for meaningful experiences to offer my children. Growing Gardens Summer Camp is among the excellent choices I am so proud to have made!

Thank you Annie!

Best,

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