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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to introduce Mr. David Sperry, a young man that it was my recent pleasure to have as a technology volunteer leader at the 1995 Ocoee Slalom Challenge.

David was the Results Print and Distribution Supervisor during the two weeks that he worked for me at Ocoee. In this position, he was responsible for making sure that the competition results were correctly printed and in the right quantities, then distributed to several different locations throughout the canoe slalom venue. Working for and assisting David in this task were fifteen other volunteers who maintained and operated the copiers, and took care of getting the printed information where it needed to go.

From the beginning, David took on the tasks with a great deal of exuberance and enthusiasm of learning new technologies and procedures, implementing a well organized process for carrying out the tasks, and training the other volunteers in their responsibilities. He quickly learned the operation of the computers, printers, copiers, and application programs that were used to produce the printed information, then set about creating the process that was needed to help manage the tasks of getting the printed reports distributed in a timely manor during the competition. As the other volunteers arrived, David worked with each of them explaining their jobs and the procedures they would use during the competition. Then during the four days of the canoe slalom competition, David's good planning and supervision resulted in all of the competition results reports being correctly printed and distributed without fail. He and his team were even able to work in an unplanned 50 page competition summary report during the final hours of the competition.

During the short time I had to work with David, I observed a young man who is technically capable of quickly assimilating new technology and information, then putting it to immediate use. He has the skills needed to tackle a new task with minimal direction, to determine what needs to be done to complete it, then to do it with almost no additional direction. His friendly personality and easy going demure make it easy for others to accept him as a leader and to willingly work with him.

I recommend David to any organization who is looking for a self-starter who is eager to learn and to take on new challenges.

Sincerely,

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