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The Honorable Sally Jewell
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Dear Secretary Jewell,

I hope you will join me at the Great Outdoors America Week youth celebration taking place at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park along the Anacostia River, on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. This great *Youth Event*, coordinated by the Outdoor Alliance for Kids, will feature Wilderness Inquiry's Canoemobile as well as a variety of activities led by many organizations to inspire youth to get physically active in the outdoors. There is a short media program at 11 AM where we hope you will address the youth.

Hundreds of advocates from across the country are coming to Washington, DC, to show support for protecting America's natural and cultural heritage and to connect youth to the great outdoors. As you know, America's outdoors provides many opportunities for children and families to get healthy and inspired. Whether it's an iconic National Park or a river running through an urban community, our public lands provide opportunities for kids to get physically active outdoors.

This event will draw attention to the growing divide between children and nature while imparting a variety of nature-based outdoor recreation skills on the youth participants. On behalf of the many organizations and youth expected to attend this event, we would be thrilled if you would do us the greatest honor and join us on June 25th to help inspire the next generation to get outdoors.

Thank you for your consideration, it would be good to see you again. OAK's Chair, Jackie Ostfeld (Jackie.Ostfeld@sierraclub.org, 202-548-6584) can provide your staff with all the details of the event.

We cannot thank you enough for your efforts to protect our environment and connect young people with the outdoors.

Sincerely,

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