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To Whom it may concern,

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Brian Ace is certified as a High and Low ropes Level 2 Full practitioner. The training was held at ACME Training Center and spanned 9 days with over 80 hours of instruction. The sessions were designed / administered by Tom Andrews of Pro Image Adventures, LLC. The sessions' syllabus was based on the PI & A, LLC manual and The Complete Ropes Course Manual, 4th Edition, c. 2007. The content of this course minimally covers the standards for certification for challenge course operations*:

1. **Sequencing**, use of games, trust, initiative activities, use of metaphors, assessing group's readiness, group stage and facilitation & debriefing techniques.
2. **Operation** of all stations of the CME training Center and ACME Middle School High Challenge courses** (Includes specialty events-Trapeze Jump, Zap Lines, Flying Squirrel, Zip Line.
3. **Spotting and belaying** protocols- ability to spot and teach other spotters in a variety of different LOW events, such as Willow in the Wind, Trust Falls, Spiders Web, Pirates Crossing, Mohawk Walk, Giant's Finger, Wall, and Nitro Crossing. Also competent in the methods / techniques for belaying; securing, anchoring / back up system, and positioning belayers (relative to climber position); belay escapes, use of several friction devices;
4. **Knots**: bowline on a bight, figure eight follow-through, super eight, double fisherman's, prusik (including from scratch), clove hitch, safety knots, water knot, killick hitch, identifying splices);
5. **Rope care** / handling / coiling / when to retire;
6. Use of **Personal Safety Gear (PSG)** – following PRCA* / ACCT* Installation Standards & manufacturer's specifications.
7. **Use of self belayed climbing skills/apparatus: Prusiking, rappelling** and other forms of self-belays (load limiting Bearclaws, Cable Grabs, Rope Grabs, Flip Line / Lanyard wrapping); set up/take down, access and set up belay systems for all the elements;
8. Awareness of the **history of the challenge course field** - existing standards from both PRCA / ACCT perspectives.
9. Ability to execute **Emergency procedures / cut away rescues** protocols specific to HRC and MMS challenge course**.
10. **Universal programming**, accessibility, inclusion, adapting activities for all participants despite physical or other barriers.

Brian passed the practical and written tests and completed his portfolio documenting his experience. Brian's sense of humor, enthusiasm, professionalism and intelligence were excellent factors for his own success and that of his group. While he has sufficient skills to be certified, only the areas highlighted above were not demonstrated or taught at this training session. ***Brian needs to continue gaining experience, and be re-certified within a three-year period in order to maintain Level II certification.***

Sincerely,

Tom Andrews, M Ed and Manager,
Pro Image Adventures, LLC;

Accredited vendor member of PRCA; associate member ACCT

*(See 2008 Professional Ropes Course Association (PRCA) standards, pg 50-64; 2012 edition - Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) standards, chapter 3 & 4)

**ACME Training Center course built in 1987; modified and inspected annually