

S.W.I.M. TO THE BORDER 2006 RECOMMENDATION FORM

Recommendation for: _____

(Name of participant)

S.W.I.M. to the Border is an experiential learning program in coordination with Los Embajadores. Participants live and work for six days at Vicente Guerrero, Mexico. During the week they perform works of service to our host community (generally manual labor such as basic construction, painting, and similar tasks). Participants also live with the people of Mexico: sharing meals in people's homes, playing with local children, and visiting migrant camps. They also gain a greater understanding of larger social issues through talks and discussions on border issues as well as other cultural orientation programs. Los Embajadores is built upon five pillars or key components. These are service, simple living, community, spirituality, and social justice. Thus, while the work we do is important, it is only one component of our program. Without the other four components we believe a service experience alone lacks the ability to truly transform participants.

The person named above wishes to participate in S.W.I.M. to the Border. To help us in selecting participants who will best contribute to and benefit from this program we are asking you to please fill out this recommendation to the best of your ability. Please include some comments on the person's abilities, responsibility, and overall personality.

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE _____

YOUR E-MAIL _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS PERSON? _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

HOW DOES HE/SHE RELATE TO FRIENDS?

HOW DOES HE/SHE RELATE TO TEACHERS OR SUPERVISORS?

WHAT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES COULD HE/SHE BRING TO A COMMUNITY LIVING EXPERIENCE?

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS INDIVIDUAL UNDERSTANDS WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE SIMPLY AND WOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO?

IS THIS PERSON CAPABLE OF AND WILLING TO FULLY ENGAGE IN A FIVE DAYS OF MANUAL LABOR?

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT THIS PERSON THAT WOULD HELP US IN OUR DECISION MAKING PROCESS?