

# **FUN AND FREEDOM YOUTH SPORTS**

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Marina McCutcheon. I have been able to observe and supervise Marina first hand, on behalf of the FUN AND FREEDOM YOUTH SPORTS Organization. I can personally attest that Marina is a young woman with outstanding character, leadership skills, concern for others and a consistent record of volunteer service.

Marina McCutcheon has been a familiar face at FUN AND FREEDOM for many years. In 2009 (at age 7) Marina began to participate in many of our year round sports activities including our Summer Day Camp. She was a Camper from 2009 through 2014 and couldn't wait until she was old enough to volunteer and be a Junior Camp Counselor which was the summer of 2015. She has faithfully served as Camp Counselor each and every summer since! From Camper, to Junior Counselor, to Senior Counselor – Marina's record of service has been an amazing example of character, leadership, concern for others and a consistent record of volunteer service.

Although Marina's service with FUN AND FREEDOM'S Day Camp is a great example – it is not the only example I draw from. I would like to tell you about three other FUN AND FREEDOM program areas where Marina serves that I believe also demonstrate her outstanding character, concern for others and her ability to lead.

In addition to Day Camp – Marina has been closely involved as a volunteer, since 2015, with FUN AND FREEDOM'S annual Multi-Sport Spring/Summer Program for Underprivileged Youth held in Natrona, Pennsylvania which is conducted on Saturday mornings May through August. Marina's role is to assist with sports activities and positively interact with the many boys and girls who participate. The majority of these youth have very little opportunity to participate in sports programs. Over the last 5 years I can attest that Marina's service here is another outstanding demonstration of leading by example with a sincere heart to serve those less fortunate.

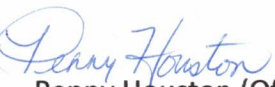
In addition, each year FUN AND FREEDOM conducts an annual Christmas Party Event in Natrona for the Underprivileged Youth (and their families) that we serve during our Spring/Summer Multi-Sport Program described above. Marina has volunteered and taken part in this event each year. She helps in all ways where needed some of which include helping to shop for and wrap gifts prior to the party, serve food during the day of the event and again positively interact with the many boys and girls - and their family members - during the event.

New for this year - FUN AND FREEDOM conducted a three day "Girls Retreat Weekend" for Junior High Girls at our 108 acre Campground in Templeton, Pennsylvania. Marina held a key leadership role for this Weekend Retreat. She assisted with the planning, registration process as well as helping to guide and teach the Junior High Girls during the Retreat. The weekend included Campfires, Games, a Devotional Study and lots of Fun! Marina did an outstanding job and was an outstanding example for these younger girls to look up to.

In summary: I personally observed and supervised Marina McCutcheon at each of the activities described above and was truly impressed with her maturity and leadership skills, her compassion for those less fortunate and her consistent and dependable hours of volunteer service. She has a respect for all those she has the opportunity to serve as well as those she is serving alongside. She is also a fine example to be followed as she is a young woman with the utmost moral integrity. Any and all occasions Marina has been involved with FUN AND FREEDOM she has never "just shown up". She has always been fully and enthusiastically engaged with those she was there to serve and always willing to go above and beyond what was asked of her.

On behalf of the FUN AND FREEDOM YOUTH SPORTS Organization – I confidently and highly recommend Marina McCutcheon for any up-coming Scholarship Opportunities. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions and/or need more information.

Sincerely,



Penny Houston (Office Phone: 724-274-7773)

Director

**Photos below are from the FUN AND FREEDOM activities (described in this letter) where Marina McCutcheon serves.**

**Multi-Sport Summer Day Camp**



Marina McCutcheon - Center  
Year 2009 - her first year as a Camper!

**Multi Sport Spring/Summer Program for Underprivileged Youth in Natrona**



Marina McCutcheon - Front Row 3rd From Left.



Marina McCutcheon - Back Row Far Right  
Year 2019 - Senior Camp Counselor!

**Christmas Party for Underprivileged Youth in Natrona**



Marina McCutcheon helping pass out Christmas gifts..

**Girls Weekend Campground Retreat**



Marina McCutcheon - 6th From Left.