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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2006 8:12 PM

**Subject:** Dustin Darby

Dear Mr. Semple:

Our son Dustin was so excited after meeting you at the Harrisburg Bass Pro Shop recently. He's still telling people here at home about it! He's really hoping to go on a hunting trip with you. As your foundation director, Craig Mortz said, God had a plan for you and Dustin to meet on that day - Sept 8th. When we met both of you, we were on our way home from Dustin's 10th surgery and he had just gotten out of another body cast (from June 5 - Sept 6). He was excited just to be able to stop at this store...and meeting you made it even more exciting. Dustin is 9 years old -- he will continue to have surgeries every 4-6 months until around age 14 when his spine can be fused. His next surgery will be sometime early in 2007. To go hunting with you would be a dream come true for Dustin. He has always loved fishing and hunting. He has already taken and passed the hunter's safety course last year. The trips you do for kids are amazing. Thank you for giving of your time and money to make special memories for special kids. The outdoors lets these kids forget about hospitals, surgeries, etc for awhile. May God Bless You in your mission work. We hope our son will get the chance to experience an adventure with you. Please contact us regarding what we need to do to apply on Dustin's behalf.

Sincerely,

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