Instructions for Referees
Knox College Green Oaks Term, Spring 2010

Dear Referee:

Candidates for the Knox College Green Oaks Term are asked to solicit two letters of recommendation from Knox faculty members not on the program’s primary teaching staff for the year in question.

The Green Oaks Term entails co-residence and close everyday cooperation among the twelve program students who will live, work and study at the Green Oaks Field Station for ten weeks. The program will require self-discipline, social adaptability, and a willingness to forego accustomed conveniences and diversions in order to become better attuned to life in a small community close to nature. The program's courses in biology, anthropology and the fine arts will concentrate on local ecosystems, human cultural adaptations, and creative interpretations of the natural environment. Program students should have some prior background in the natural sciences, social sciences, or the fine and performing arts, along with a willingness to explore the other areas. An ideal applicant is one whose educational objectives will be served by the program and who will bring personal and intellectual background and qualities that will enrich the program overall. Since space in the program is limited and the level of student interest appears to be greater than ever, your input will be particularly important in helping us make our selection.

Please give your assessment of the applicant's qualifications and abilities with regard to the Green Oaks Term, save your letter as a Word or Rich Text Format document with the title formatted as STUDENTLASTNAME_yourlastname.doc(or rtf), and send it as an email attachment to jwagner@knox.edu by October 9, 2009.

If you would like to learn more about the Green Oaks Term, please visit the program’s web page at http://www.knox.edu/greenoaksterm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Jon Wagner
Green Oaks Term Director