

WHISPERS IN THE WIND

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Direction

November's focus is on direction, one of Turning Winds' virtues. Students are taught to make correct choices that will lead them in the right direction on the path of life. Students are finding positive direction in books, TREC, through peers, motivational activities, and even poetry.



filled with betrayal, remorse, love, friendship and mystery. The direction the boy picks is positive and he does a lot of good in life. He does make some mistakes and negative consequences follow for choosing the wrong paths. However, overall he stays on the right path and learns from his mistakes.

He struggles a lot while being a teenager; this gives a little insight into our own lives. These books have opened up an opportunity for my life and do for many teens and adults alike. Eragon and The Eldest have inspired me as a writer and I have witnessed the same for others. I recommend these books to all teens and even adults who are into fantasy books.

-Drew

Eragon and Eldest Book Review

There are many good books out there; however my favorite two that continue to inspire me are Eragon and Eldest. These books are written by a sixteen year old writer.

My first Christmas at Turning Winds I received Eragon. I was enthralled with receiving a book and ever since reading has become my new hobby.

The book is about a boy who finds a dragon egg, helps it hatch and it continues to grow very large. He eventually rides the dragon, Sapphire, into battle to save his nation. The book is action packed yet very interesting at the same time.

Eldest is the story of the war this boy fights in. The book is a real page turner; it is



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Which road will I choose
What path will I take
Which way am I going
What choice will I make

In this life that we are living
There are trials we face
But we must rise above them
It's the **direction** you take.

-Dory



"Walking in a Winter Wonder Land"

Well folks it's already November and indeed we are "walking in a winter wonder land." We are now waking up to snowy mountains and clouded skies.

On Monday we made many frosty snowmen. We split up into teams and got to work on our masterful creations: a cat, a bear, a human, Attila the Hun, a couch, a whale, a TV and a **very** large snowball...with a head. It really showed our child-like imagination.

The snow in fact, makes us get into the Christmas spirit. We sing Christmas carols and dance, even before Thanksgiving. One feels "Jack nipping at your nose" as soon as you walk outside. For some it's a real surprise to see snow outside. But the students here at Turning Winds are really enjoying the snow!!!!!!

-Heather and Kaitlyn

Struggles and Triumphs of TREC

We, the girls, went on TREC on October 28, 2006. We had an extremely wonderful time. We left when it was just beginning to snow. By day two we had a foot of snow and it was literally freezing but that did not dampen our mood. We all had positive

attitudes and enjoyed an experience that changed our lives.

For TREC we usually drive somewhere and hike to camp. When we get to camp we express any emotional and physical needs we might have, following which we assign and do chores. After that, we set up camp. During dinner we talk about our solo assignments and have an activity that motivates us. Solo assignments and motivational activities are assignments that will help us improve your behaviors and help you grow.

The next morning we wake up, do chores and start our hike. For the first fifteen minutes of the hike we are not aloud to talk which sets the tone for the day and allows us to think about our solo assignments. At lunch time we stop to have more solo assignments and a motivational activity to think about while we eat. After lunch we start hiking again. We either hike to a different camp or we go back to the previous campsite.

The experience that strengthened me the most was the hike up Roderick Mountain. This hike was by no means easy but built us physically and mentally. I thought I was going to quit, but in the end I learned that I can do anything I put my mind to. We are glad that we completed TREC and are excited to move on in the program.

-Emily