

The Knowles K"news" - 2009

JANUARY

January 2 - As a family, we got a discount through the Scouting organization and all went down to the Sports Arena to see the infamous Walking with Dinosaurs. 15 life-size automated dinosaurs...it was amazing!!



FEBRUARY

February 12 - Before our break, Jonathan had a Valentine's Day party at school. His teacher for 3rd grade was the most wonderful Mrs. Scott who is now retired.



February 16 - Jonathan and Julie traveled to Atlanta, GA to stay with her longtime school friend, Karen (Wilson) Richardson. Jonathan's favorite attraction was the world's largest aquarium, the Georgia Aquarium. What a ham!!



February 19 - When Jonathan and Julie returned to home, they took a day trip up to UC Irvine to visit Amy for what Julie called Geek Week, but it was really Greek Week. Amy's sorority hosted a challenge to create the wackiest contraption to fold a napkin!



MARCH

March 7 - Day of the Pinewood Derby for Pack 685!! Jonathan pulled off his 2nd place finish overall...maybe next year in his last derby, he'll be able to pull off the coveted 1st place!!

March 14 - The family went to visit Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá with the Scouts. Jonathan will be studying the missions in 4th grade, so this was a good start and a great way to kill two birds with one stone as there is a patch he can earn as well!

March 28 -

Jonathan and Julie took a trip to visit the flower fields in Carlsbad. It was a beautiful day and the flowers were just gorgeous!!



April

April 18 - April found us busy with more Scout activities that included camping at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the Scout Fair down at Qualcomm Stadium.



May 23 - Back at Yosemite over the Memorial Day weekend with

Julie's family. Everyone was there except for Julie's older nieces and nephew. Hopefully they will be able to come in 2010!



May 29 - Jonathan went to Legoland with his Russian friend Nikolai. The boys are still HUGE into Legos and Jonathan visits Legoland 2-3 times a year with friends!!

June 7 - This time, Julie had the adventure. She flew out to Pennsylvania to participate in National Camping School at Camp Tuckahoe in Dillsburg. Two and a half days of training on how to run a Cub Scout Day Camp. Yes that's right...Julie played Day Camp Director for over 80 boys in July for a whole week!! Crazy? Maybe...



JULY

July 3 - Jonathan spent a few weeks during the summer attending different day camps down at Balboa Park. On our day of, we went down to the park and saw the Body Worlds exhibit at the SD Natural History Museum. Kinda gross, but really interesting!!



July 4 - Yet another year marching in the Spirit of the Fourth parade with the pack. We joined Jane at her community party, then back to RB for some fireworks!!



August 7 - Jonathan and Julie headed up to Mataguay Scout Ranch for Cub Scout Resident Camp and a few days of crafts, nature, bb guns, archery and sling shots with dog food!

AUGUST



August 19 - Jonathan turns 9 and we celebrate with dinner at his most favorite restaurant, Olive Garden. Rare picture of the boys: Richard, Jonathan and Ricky.



August 28 - Another adventure for Julie. This time, her first trip off the North American continent (except for Hawaii) and her first time using a passport! She traveled to Seoul,



Korea and stayed at the Novotel Doksan and spent a week working there, but unfortunately did not have any time for sightseeing! :-/

September 26 - A trip to Bates Nut Farm and the pumpkin fields was in the works for the family. San Diego was in the middle of a heat wave and boy was it hot that day!!

September



October

October 24 - Julie took her den to the California Wolf Center located near Julian. It was fascinating and they learned a lot about the endangered North American gray and Mexican gray wolves!



November

November 11 - Julie and Jonathan participated in Veteran's Day affairs at Webb Park to celebrate those who have served our country and to pay our respects.

November 28 - The family spent Thanksgiving week travelling up the coast to Solvang, Mission Santa Ines, Hearst Castle and finally Julie's parent's house. They picked up Jane (Richard's mom) and visited places like the Tactile Dome in the Exploratorium, the Winchester Mystery House and the King Tut exhibit.



DECEMBER

December 24 - 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse... The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads...



(pic of Jonathan Christmas Eve asleep on Ski's floor!)

Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!