## **Christmas 2012**

## Dear Friends and Family,

Happy Holidays! This year, Sarah (12) got into urban exploration. She and her friends climbed to the top of the old water tower in town, only to accidentally trigger the emergency siren. The whole town was evacuated, and now Sarah's grounded until 2047.

Alex (6) started an underground hamster-racing league. He made \$500 in prize money before the principal shut it down. John spent the summer inventing extreme camping. It's like regular camping, but it involves a trampoline and a flamethrower. (We're banned from three state parks now.)

Meanwhile, I accidentally turned our living room into a giant snow globe for Sarah's science fair project. The glitter STILL hasn't come out of the carpet.

Wishing you a glitter-free holiday!

Sparkling and slightly ashamed, **The Smith Family**