

My Autism Essay Award

I opened the letter. “WOW”! I got third place in the autism contest I entered. It said I got a free stay at Wisconsin Dells, Kalahari Resort and \$50 for Amazon.com. I was so happy! I received the letter at school. Then I went home to show my parents. They were so impressed. I was waiting impatiently until the day it was time to go.

Finally it was time to leave. We packed our suitcases and left in the morning. The ride was very long. It was 2 hours to get there. I wrote a song on the way. It went like this,

1& 2& 3&4!

**Lucky is a dog, She fell on a log
She went in a pool, and had to drool
Then she chased a bird, and had a big terd
Then she ran away, it took us all day
We finally found her, and then she said “brrr”
Do, Do, Do, Do
Don
Do day
YAY!**

When I was done with that, we were almost to the hotel. I could barely wait! I was jumping up from my seat so high I almost went right out of the window.

In a little while Mom, Dad, Isaac and I were there. Alex was staying back with my grandma and grandpa because he has autism. My family and I went in the hotel and checked in.

Then we went to our room to unpack our suitcases. When I stepped into the room my first word was “unbelievable.” The room was huge. There was a fridge and a microwave in it but most of all there was a TV with cable! I turned it on to Nickelodeon. I was watching it when I was unpacking my suitcase.

Later we went swimming in the pool. I swam deep under the water and popped out at my brother. “YIKES!” He said. Then he tried to frighten me but of course it didn’t work. After that Isaac and I got out of the water to dry off. I was freezing when I stepped out of the warm water. Isaac and I went back to the room to change.

That evening we went to a Japanese restaurant where the people there made the food in front of us. When we got there we went to sit at the bar until it was time for us to go in and take a seat at the table. At the bar I picked this kind of Japanese soda. It was Awesome! I drank it slowly so it would last the whole time I was there. Then we got called in to get seated. The table had something like a grill in front of it. Soon the chef with the tall hat came in. He threw his spatula in the air and caught it again. He wiped the grill with some sort of cleaning device. Then he got to work. First he lit a huge fire from nowhere. I jumped back from my seat. That was scary. He then put our food on the grill. When my dad’s shrimp was done he tried to throw some shrimp in his mouth. I thought that was funny. Finally we ate our food. It was delicious! Later my family and I went back to the hotel.

We went to sleep as soon as we got there. I went to sleep with Isaac and my mom and my dad went to sleep together. Isaac fell asleep before I did.

When we woke up I told my mom that I would never sleep with him again because he rolls on top of me. Later that afternoon it was time to go read my autism essay. My family and I went to the place for me to accept my award. I went into the room. It was huge. The people there gave my family and me a free lunch. Then they told me to come up to the stage and read my autism essay. So I walked up to the stage and read,

Awesome Things About Kids with Autism

My brother has autism. His name is Alex. He is awesome! Alex is the best brother ever! I like to play with him. He is very, very fun to swim with. Alex and I like to splash, but when he splashes me in the face, I get mad. We like to pretend we are Pokemon and use Pokemon attacks on each other in the pool. Oh yeah, I have a brother named Isaac too.

In the winter Alex and I make snow forts. Once Alex and I made a huge, I mean huge, snow fort! Then after we were done we had a big snowball fight. The snow fort lasted for a long time. Then it melted. It took practically a month until we could go back outside and make a snow fort again because the snow wasn't packing.

Do you want to know more about Alex my brother? Ok, Alex and I love to go frog hunting. I don't mean kill the frogs, I mean catch the frogs to keep. That sounds a little mean but we are super duper nice to the frogs. He had one frog that he kept in a tank in his room for one and a half years. Alex has a great interest in amphibians and reptiles. He likes animals so much he has 9 turtles and 3 frogs. Once he got a baby gecko for his birthday but it died.

Alex loves to play Pokemon trading card game. He has a huge case full of very good Pokemon cards. He likes Pokemon so much he goes to a tournament almost every weekend. Alex once got second place with about 50 people competing twice in a row! Can you believe that? When Alex and I play Pokemon against each other he always wins.

Having autism isn't always easy. It's hard for Alex to be in a room full of people. The noises bother him. Alex does NOT like music because it is too loud for him. Alex has a lot of friends that understand autism and they are very nice to him. I like him the way he is!

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I read the essay in front of over 900 people. Later in the day we packed up our stuff and drove the boring 2 hour drive back home, but it was worth it.