

Saying Goodbye

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10 days can really really change your life and I mean that from the bottom of my heart.

Most of us look at new experiences in a rather unwelcoming way – something we think we're not ready for and quite possibly end up regretting later – and not a lot of us have gone through such adventures. You realize the beauty of life once you set foot outside your comfort zone and everything you do is dependent on your personality and how you adapt to the scenario.

But the point here is not about how well you do there or what you accomplish, it's all about the journey. Some of the best moments of my life took place in the last 10 days and I'm grateful for all the things that put me there – mostly luck.

I've heard the phrase that you learn something from everyone wherever you go and that proved itself to be true time and time again. Picking up something worthwhile from everyone on each journey you make in life really completes you as a person but the friends you make are another story altogether, whether that includes an 11-year-old who can solve a Rubik's cube in 15 seconds, an American from Quetta or a future paleontologist.

That part cannot be compared to anything else.

I attended a STEM camp these past few days and I honestly met some of the most amazing people in my life (you all know who you are) and I'm grateful that happened – even more grateful because I almost made the decision of not going due to some personal reasons. Fate intervened and I decided to go. Best decision ever.

Everything is amazing until it ends – nothing lasts as they say. You're having the time of your life and as far it seemed before, your last day together shows up out of nowhere and sucker punches you. Nothing is more difficult than saying goodbye to the people you have to come to love in just a short period of time together and for me that translated into some pretty awkward goodbyes once I realized I might never see some of these people again in my life.

There'll come a day when you forget about them and stop talking to them and they just become another name in your contacts: something I obviously don't want to happen, but it's something none of us can avoid.

All we can do is now is cherish the time spent together and keep the memories close to our heart forever. There's no point in causing pain to yourself by thinking of what could have been had you been able to spend just a few more days with these amazing people. Enjoy the moment you're living and never ever forget the people you meet as you walk the path life is taking you on. Everyone is important in your life if you keep them close.

John Legend aptly sums up what we all were thinking as day 10 approached:

'I know it'll kill me when it's over, I don't wanna think about it'