

Friday, July 26

In the morning we packed up the car and got in and left to west Allis. In the car we played our video games till we got to our destination. At West Allis ~~we~~ waited for 30 minutes for the biggest steam train in the world, to pass by.

About 1 hour later we went to the Illinois oasis and got a bite to eat, we also got an I-pass (The I-pass allows you to go through tolls faster)

Another hour later we got to Navy Pier. There we got some more food (we were starving) after that, we saw a really large Ferris wheel in Chicago (Navy Pier is in Chicago) about 15 minutes later we went to the museum of Science and Industry. (Just so you know, I am not including everything here.)

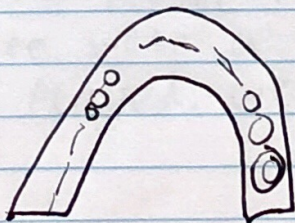
At the weather exhibit we did alot, There was a solar powered car on a Race Track, you could even control the speed of the car by controlling the solar panels. They also had a tornado (interactive) and a Tesla coil and I got to hold up a fluorescent light bulb by it and it lit up. There was much more to do but I have to go.

Saturday July 27

In the morning we packed up the car and set off from the Hotel. In the car I Journalled, Read, and played video games. Later we got to the Abraham Lincoln museum. There we saw 2 movies, The first one was cool because it had a real person, but at the end he disappeared, ~~so~~ The second one had cannons that shot out actual smoke rings for a scene. After that there were exhibits and timelines, then we went to the gift shop.

Not too long after that we got to Saint Louis and we got to go INSIDE The Arch, we got a lot of pictures. There was a train going to the top it was really small but we fit. It was a 4 minute ride up and 3 minute ride down. At the top we saw a car burning on the freeway!! We also saw firemen put it out. When we got outside we took a lot of pictures.

About 1 hour later we got to the Hotel and unpacked.



pic. of train in arch
(its a bad pic)

Sunday July, 28

Today we packed up and set off from The Hotel. 45 minutes later we stopped at the Arkansas/Missouri border and took a couple of photos.

About a half an hour later we got to Memphis, Tennessee and saw a bit of Graceland (we did ~~not~~ go in) and we saw a big glass pyramid.

A tiny bit later we had a picnic with all the stuff in the cooler, after that we set off to the Hotel.

About 2 hours in we stopped at dinner and ate. Then we swam at the Hotel. (I forgot to add the children's museum) It was mostly for Ephraim though. They had a plane simulator which was cool. They also had a tube system which you could send balls through. They had a bunch of other stuff. Such as a role playing area, a area that you could climb through and it went up about 30 ft. and they had a game with a combination that was hard to do. They had a bank area. They had a water park-ish area, and that is it pretty much it.

At the Hotel there was a pool and there were a couple other people and we played. Well, that's pretty much it!

Monday, July 29

In The morning we woke up and set off and we went to the country music Hall of Fame. There we saw The time line of country, and we saw the costumes of The Song ~~writers~~ Singers and the instruments. All of them had cool designs. I liked them a lot. We also saw a ~~lot of~~ HUGE wall of records.

After that we went to a Hat store. While mom was shopping we saw The hotel we were staying at was The ~~the~~ 3rd largest hotel in America. The hotel had 2,888 rooms and an arcade, rock climbing and a huge water park.

When we got to The hotel we waited for about 30 minutes to check-in, unpack, park and get to our room. In the room we got our swim suits on, while I was waiting for EPH being I turned on the TV but as soon as I did that, The fire alarm went off! (I did not know that) we stayed in the room hoping for the best. It turned out there was no fire. When we got downstairs we saw a sign that said they were doing fire alarm tests so when we got to The water park when we got there we sat our stuff

down. My first ride was the mat ride, the mat ride you go down an inclined tube on a mat. The second thing I did was the wave pool, then I did some tworides inside and I made a couple of friends. We went on the drop slides. →

Continuation OF Monday.
on the Drop slide you go into an enclosed
tube and it drops you. Then we went
inside and swam around. Then we all
had to leave.

That was my experience OF The Hotel

~~Tuesday~~ Tuesday July 29

In the morning we got dressed, packed and then we set off. The first thing we did was tour The Grand Ole Opry, we saw a lot of things such as the walkway that all the country singers go on. We saw all the dressing rooms, the control room, the TV room, Broadcasting area. We also saw a room for all the country singers. We saw the stage and we got to stand on it. Then we got to see a crowd's point of view. Then we were done with the tour.

After the tour, we went shopping. Mom got a couple of things then we left.

On the road we journaled and played video games. Then we went on a Jack Daniels tour. We saw the process of whisky, and the story of Jack (He died from kicking a snake!) we saw the ingredients - 80% corn, 12% barley, and 8% rye. We saw the barrels (The barrels are the most important things in whisky). We saw the whisky being made and we were told all the types of Jack.

After that tour we went to ~~the~~ an ice cream store, (I got a milk shake.) At the hotel we unpacked and went swimming. Then we watched TV and fell asleep. The hotel was in Chattanooga.

wensday July 31

In the morning we packed up and set off. we played around in the car. Our first stop was the smoke mountains. First we went to The wild life loop. (There was not alot of wild life) after that we pretty much took pictures off the trees and the rivers. Close to the end, we had a picnic. After that we played in the river. Then we headed out of the park. I also got to pet some horses, and I also spotted a bear!

After the mountains we stopped at Gatlinburg. At Gatlinburg they had alot to do, but when we got there it was drizzling. while it was drizzling we shopped around untill it started to pour. while it poured we shopped some more but when we crossed the street I soaked my shoes. After I soaked them we shopped for new shirts. Then we shopped for saddles. Then the rain stopped and we went to the hotel and slept.

(We also climbed a little bit of the tallest point in the smokies. we also played at a water park)

~~August 14~~ Thursday, August 1

In The morning we got dressed packed and we went to Annetesta (Annetesta is in Gattlynburg) ~~to~~ to get to The place we had to take A Chair Lift on the Chair Lift, we were ~~standing~~ hovering above either The trees ~~and~~ OR The Road at Times when we got to The Top we did a "Little" shopping Then we did Jenga and Built A tower. we were supposed to do a Ride but it was closed. ~~so~~ so we went to a Little Playground and then we did a tree top walk way and then we went down.

After Annetesta, we went so Early and then we went on an 4 hour drive a really boring 4 hour drive and then we got to The Hotel Swan and went to A? W and slept in the Hotel.

Friday, August 2

In the morning we packed up our suitcases ate breakfast and left the hotel. The first thing we did was visit the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Birthplace. When we got there we waited in the gift shop and looked around until a little movie played. The movie was about Lincoln's childhood but not about his presidency. Which makes sense because we're at his birthplace not the White House (now THAT would be cool) After the movie we saw all the tools the Lincolns used and then we saw a memorial and there we go again.

Our next stop was Fort Knox. We were only able to take pictures of Ephraim and I. After Fort Knox we went on a Jim Beam Bourbon Tour. (Bourbon is technically a vegetable because it is 51% corn) On the tour we saw how bourbon is made, the ingredients and all that cool stuff. Then we got to bottle and make bourbon. After that I went with dad to the bar and I got jalapeno juice in my eye! When I got the juice in my eye I sprinted to the water machine and flushed my eye and then I got eye drops and then the pain went away.

Our last stop was The Kentucky Derby. (We did not see any horses) We took a tour (it was not very informative) and we saw the track. Then we went to the hotel and called it a day →

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We also took a sight seeing trip on a
Steam Boat and we got some Food.

Saturday, August 3

In the morning we woke up
got dressed packed up ate breakfast
and set off.

Our first stop was the Louisville
Sluggo Factory where they make base-
ball bats. First they pick out trees, they
cut them and ship them to the factory.
At the factory they turn the log
into billets, billets into bats (less than
15% percent of billets are "prime"). After
the bats are made, they prime them and
make them smooth, when they are primed,
they paint them and then they check
them for quality. then they ship them
out to stores.

After the factory we ate at Bob Evans.
Then we went to the Ind 500 track
and we saw the Pro-Am (it was a
practice run for a race the next day.
But first we looked at the history of
some of the cars and the people. Then we
went and took pit views then we went
the pit area (the person driving us there
works at summer fest. when we got
there we looked at the cars and then
watched them race (it was very loud)
After the race we head back to the
car and went to the hotel and swim
then we went to the room and slept.

Sunday, August, 4th - our last day

In the morning we got up, got dressed, packed up the car, ate breakfast and got into the car and set off. First stop was the gas station. There we fueled up and went to the Bathroom and we started off to The Indiana Dunes. on the way there we played games and we did mad libs. about 2/3 in, we stopped at ~~a~~ a gas station because Ephraim had to go pee. as ~~he~~ he went to the Bathroom I got some food at the store in the gas station.

About 30 minutes later we got to the dunes. (it took like 20 minutes to get in.) when we parked we ate lunch from stuff in the cooler. Then we went on to the dunes (they were really hot.) first we got to the top and then ran down. The last time down I fell and got sand in my mouth. Then we left and got to the stairs tower. when we got there it was ~~a~~ a 1 hour wait for the Elevator. Then we left and got back home.