

Beach tour in San Diego



I went to San Diego this spring break. I flew there March 15th and came back 20th so I stayed there for 5 days. First two days, my friend and I took the old town trolley bus tour. There were 10 stops on one tour and we took that tour for two days. I think each stop took us at least an hour to enjoy and get the feel in places. Overall, it was so much fun and I had some memorable moments with my friend in those days. On the third day, my uncle Paul gave us a tour around the shoreline in San Diego. The weather wasn't that bad but it wasn't good enough to me. Since I live in Wisconsin, I really had high expectation about San Diego and planned to wear tank tops and shorts whole time; however, as usual, things

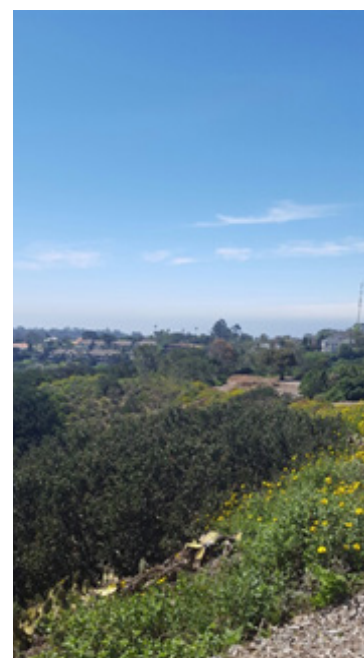
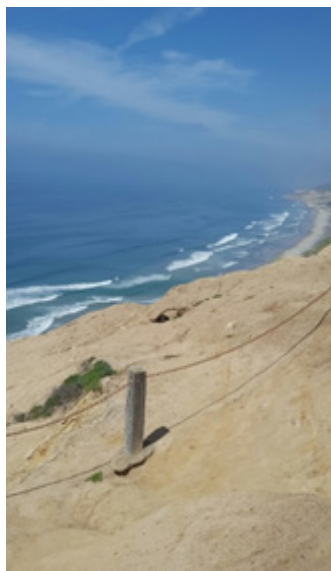
didn't go well as we thought. The weather wasn't really nice enough to wear tank tops and shorts. Moreover, the sun was a significant source of temperature. If you are in the sun, you will feel like it is 70 degree. On the other hand, if you are in the shade, you will feel like it is 60 degree. As a result, the whole time we were in San Diego, I tried to be out in the sun as much as possible because most of my clothes were shorts and tank tops.

I had pants, one jacket, and one flannel. Anyway, to start with, we went to many beaches but I don't remember those beach names but I remember we went to children's pool, La Jolla, and mission bay.

When we went to children's pool, We saw a lot of seals. I never knew that there is a lot of seals in San Diego. Those seals are so friendly; they just came up to people when people are just watching the view of the beach. Especially,

baby seals are so friendly and cute. I was so surprised by how friendly they are because I never actually saw them before. In Korea, there are some seals but you can not see them on regular daily basis. Anyway, after children's pool, we went to this restaurant that I don't remember what its name is. That restaurant's food was delicious and once in awhile, I am thinking about them. We also went to the place that you can see whole San Diego. The weather was not too bad so we can actually see whole San Diego, which was nice. Personally, I really like to enjoy nature and go to places that have amazing views so I really liked it. I could have spent at least an hour just enjoying the view. It was really cool to catch some details that you could miss if you didn't come to this place. All in all, uncle Paul's beach tour was successful and everyone enjoyed it include my mother, my friend, and me. I will definitely remember this in my future and miss all those little things that I enjoyed in San Diego with my friend. Moreover, I am looking forward to taking to adventures in my life and I think this is just beginning of my adventure in my life.

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Magnified Giving



At my school, Villa Madonna Academy, our grade does a philanthropy project called Magnified Giving every year. Magnified Giving is a Midwest based, not-profit organization located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Their mission is to “educate, inspire and engage students in philanthropy, and to touch the hearts and minds of teens, lighten the concerns of others, and magnify the impact of philanthropy. Their premier program is the Student Philanthropy program, which is giving a group of high school students the opportunity to invest \$2,000 into the Greater Cincinnati non-profit organizations.

The Junior class divided ourselves into six groups, each assigned a non-profit organization. We have to do a lot of research, contact the organization, go on a site visit, and make a PowerPoint to finally present our organizations to the class.



This year, my group chose an organization called Wordplay. Wordplay is a non-profit organization founded by Libby Hunter, after she connected to the



misguided teenagers in poverty throwing rocks at a disabled woman. As a resident of a gentrified neighborhood, she understood that children had nowhere safe to go after school and have snack, hanging out with friends, which is very normal for a lot of us. To connect with disadvantaged children, Libby Hunter worked with social workers to develop Wordplay.



Wordplay’s mission is to help children find their voices through literacy and expression in order to develop the skills, knowledge, and character necessary for them to succeed. They use innovative programs designed to spark creativity and create self-efficacy, inspiring children and teens to become successful lifelong learners, both in and out of the classroom.

After we presented all of our organizations to the class, we voted on three organizations to give grants to. The organization that gets the most vote receives a grant of \$1,000, and the second and third most voted receives a grant of \$500 each. Thankfully, Wordplay got

the most vote and received a grant of \$1,000 from us. We got to visit the organization again, and handed the check to Libby ourselves, which was an amazing experience.

Even though \$1,000 does not look like it is going to be a huge help for the organization, it actually is very helpful for them. They usually have hard time fundraising enough to pay the rent, buy supplies for the kids, and to provide enough food for the kids. Since the kids in part of Wordplay does not get a lot of food from home due to their conditions, Wordplay provides food and snack for them. With the grant of \$1,000 from us, they can get supplies like books, pencils, notebooks, and etc., and provide more food for the kids so they don’t starve. If you are interested in this organization, please visit the website and look into making donations!

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School Activities



Every school has a sports team. They are cooperating and students showing their efforts. Also, this is the best way to make your friends easily because you're going to spend time with after school and doing work out and practice skills with them, so that environment makes you talk with any friends around you and find some information with your friends having a same type of favorite hobbies or music. If you don't have any ability to play sports find the play club or instrument club. These clubs are not tougher than sports teams. They are making our schools more artistically and professionally. When you joined in a sports team, I guarantee make you really tired, but through this a lot of work. You will learn how making managing your time and a plan yourselves. Therefore, you have some encouraging and get some efforts to join other school activities example of Minithon(For The Kids who have a cancer or unique disease) and spirit night captain or dancer. Spirit night is a bigger school event in Conwell-Egan catholic high school. They separate to the blue and white team and doing some competitions between students and last three days in spirit week. We called spirit night the dancers coming up to the stage and performances their dances and choose the winner on the last day. The procedure of spirit night was really tired and annoying, but the result is excitement and triumph. I was in the white dancer team right now it was really fun and cheering, so any schools have this huge school activities please join in. Lastly, if you join in a lot of school activities make your application more fancy and easier to appealing your ability to college. If you're shy and not a little bit social, but just trying and challenging yourself make your application fancier and fancier.

Crazy for you



Our school is well known for great musical shows in this area. One thing that makes our show special is that we have 300 kids in the show. Of course it is not easy to make a great show with 300 kids, so I was worried about it. However, our director, Mrs. Lynn is a great director and she knows how to handle it. I believed her and decided to join the show. Our practices for the spring musical called "Crazy For You" started in January.

This show is about a love story between Bobby and Polly. Bobby is a young guy who wants to be in the Follies show. So he tries to convince Jangler, the director of the show, to put him in the show. Jangler, however, doesn't think Bobby is talented and refuses to put Bobby in the show. Meanwhile Irene, Bobby's fiancé, asks him to get married, but Bobby doesn't love her. While Bobby and Irene are fighting, Bobby's mother asks him to go to Dead rock Nevada to close the theater because the theater cannot pay the loan to the bank. Instead of getting married with Irene he decided to leave New York.

When Bobby arrived at Dead rock he met a girl named Polly, the only girl in town, and fall in love with her. Polly's father is the owner of the theater and the theater wasn't doing well. Polly didn't know

that Bobby is the one who came from New York to close their theater. However she figures it out when Bobby tells her that he loves her. She refuses him and Bobby decides to act as a Jangler since Polly needs someone to help the theater. Bobby brings some show girls from New York and make a great show. Polly fall in love with Bobby as a Jangler. Everything seems fine till Jangler comes down to Dead rock to fine one of the show girl. Polly realizes that Jangler who she fell in love was actually a Bobby and she ask to leave because he lies to her. But while Bobby left Nevada she realizes that she truly loved Bobby not a Jangler. When Bobby came back from New York to tell Polly that she doesn't have to pay money back the bank anymore, they finally check how they love each other.

I was one of the show girl in this show and acting as a show girl was really fun. I learned tap dance and some Jazz moves for the show. It was not easy on the first time but after few practice I could teach other kid how to dance. All the costumes and hairs are very different than now since the background of the show is 1950 and I loved it too. It was also a great chance for me to make good friends. Show is over but I still hang out with my friends all the time.

For three month I was crazy for it and I had precious memories that I cannot buy anywhere.

"Who could ask for anything more?"

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San Diego Bus Tour



This spring break I went to San Diego, California to see my cousins. My host uncle just had twin babies. They were born at last year October. I flew at March 15th and landed around 11 pm. My friend flight landed before mine so she waited for me. After I got out of airplane, I had that feeling of defrost. Since I lived in Wisconsin, I missed summer so much. In Wisconsin, summer is literally half of the year. Couple days before my flight, we just had a snowstorm so I was counting days to go San Diego. Anyway, I met my friend from Korea who was coming from Missouri. It was so nice to see her. We spent whole night talking and watching movie. After first night, my friend and I took this old town trolley bus tour. There were 10 stops in this bus tour, which is old town trolley market, embarcadero marina, seaport village, marriott marquis and marina, horton plaza, gaslamp quarter, hilton bayfront, hotel del coronado, balboa park, and little italy. As a result, we planned on going five stops per day and do this trolley tour two days in a row. I had nice breakfast that day after my friend's uncle dropped us off at one of those stops. It was delicious breakfast meal and I enjoyed breakfast burrito.

Out of all stops that we went in first day, I think seaport village was the best of all. Seaport village was quite big village is separated in two section and it was right next to shore line. They had a lot of different stores such as souvenir stores and many restaurant. Specifically, they had all kinds of souvenir stores such as cup



stores, magnetic stores, clothes stores, and pirate theme stores. Out of all stores, store that me and my friend went was customize perfume, oil, and lotion stuff. We just went into that store to just check bath-bomb but we just got trapped by staff in there. As soon as we walked in, staff gave us hand scrub and lotion. It was so nice and I definitely felt difference between before and after I walked in that store. After we got that hand scrub, we both bought customized oil. Overall, it was good day and I really enjoyed the weather. My friend and I had a good time. San Diego was awesome!

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KUNA



KUNA, Kentucky United Nation Assembly, is the biggest student Mock United Nation in the United States. It is a 3-day experiential learning conference in which students participate directly in simulated international diplomacy. KUNA offers students the opportunity to experience the richness of cultures from around the world, develop empathy, and hone their critical thinking skills with engaging with a wide variety of perspectives and global issues.

This year, I had a great opportunity to be in part of KUNA, representing China and Venezuela. As a delegation, we had to make a Global Village Booth, an 8 X 10 cube with a display representing both China and Venezuela. For China, we worked really hard and spent a lot of time on making Terrance, our Terracotta Warrior. We made a frame for his body with a foam board and wire, and did Papier-mâché to cover it up. We also used clay to make his face, with the help of our art teacher. For Venezuela, we spent a lot of time on making a miniature model of Angel Falls. We used wire and Papier-mâché to make the frame, and painted over it. A lot of other delegations stopped at our booth, saying that we all did a great job making the booth. After the Global Village Booth showcase, the General Assembly meeting started. Students from all over the state split up into eight committees. During the committee meetings, the resolution sponsors who prepared resolutions on international issue their country would like discussed by the UN presented the resolutions. All resolutions got presented in

two different meetings, and we ranked the bills before advancing to Summits or General Assembly. There were a lot of enthusiastic speakers who were eager to present their resolutions, ask non-debatable technical questions, and give pro/con speeches. I gave about four speeches during this session, and enjoyed speaking in front of a crowd.

In the Summit meetings, highly ranked resolutions from the Committees presented their bills, and we voted whether if we are going to pass it or not. Both of our resolutions representing China and Venezuela passed the Committee, and presented really well on the Summit. However, they did not get passed due to the lack of feasibility.

In the General Assembly session, three resolutions – two delegates' choice, and one Secretary General's choice – presented their resolutions and were debated by the entire Assembly. All of the resolutions presented were highly debatable, feasible, and creative. A lot of the delegates from our school, including myself, spoke at this General Assembly session, which made a huge influence on our school winning the Outstanding Speaker and Delegate Award.

As a kid, I've always wanted to work in UN, being highly interested in international relations and foreign policies. I was delighted to experience the cultures all around the world and to develop debating and public speaking skills through KUNA. I highly recommend attending a Mock UN conference to people who are interested in international relations, and see what it is like!

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My First Time in United States



After coming here and living with a different family I feel like I have become more responsible and mature, I started to cook food, do my own laundry, and waking up to school on my own. This a great experience to go through.

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When i first came to America, I was super nervous on how will my trip go, will my host family like me, or will be able to adapt fast enough. But it turned out that all those worries were for nothing. My flight was peaceful and without any problems, my host family is amazing, and we get along very well, and it was pretty easy to adapt and get used to the environment. People in America are very nice and cheerful. The weather in Georgia is perfect! Not too hot and not too cold. The air is fresh because of all the trees around here.

Right now I live with my host family, a mother and a son. They are awesome! During our free time I always play basketball or board games with my host brother, he is a great kid. My host mom is super kind and caring, and she cooks yummy tacos and buritos. We go to church together every Sunday, its interesting and fun, because I get to learn alot of new things and get to socialize with other people.

I went out with my friends to Six Flags Over Georgia, it was a lot of fun! There were varieties of rides and I rode almost all of them, the drinks and snacks were a bit overpriced but we still had fun.

Stereotype of Korea

Nowadays, there are a lot of Korean people in the all over the world for business, studying, travel. Even me, I am in United States for studying. Most of people who are in foreign countries including me may feel the stereotype of Korea. I think that the relation ship between South Korea and North Korea and the smart is the common stereotype of Korea.

I bet that Korean exchange student who are studying in United States have been asked by friend that 'what part of Korea are you from? South or North?' Of course that the North Korean people cannot study even cannot be in the United States. Thus, when I got that kind of questions, I explained gently and easily to understand them. As like this, most of United States people come out North Korea when they think about Korea. Also, they think that Korea is the dangerous country because the North Korea is at right above South Korea.

In addition, American people think that South Korea has the smartest people. Commonly, people think that Asian especially Korean people is diligent people. In fact, the people who study in the United States are trying to their best to go the top tearing college and getting ready for their future. Thus, most of foreign student take a lot of Honors course at school and get a lot of awards and diplomas especially math and science.

Honestly, there are people who discriminate Asian people. However, why don't we have conversation with them and be a good friend. As we try, they will change.

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Now Korea

Month ago, in American Government class, our class watched CNN10 which is the CNN program that brief the world problem in shortly 10 minuets. We saw that the Korean female president Park is officially impeached from the constitutional court. I thought that it is kind of shame. Thus, in Government class, me and my classmates discussed about the impeachment of South Korean president. The topics are suggested which is why Park got impeached.

My teacher asked that why park got impeached. Well, I explained that since park leak the Korean Security file to the Choi, who is the best friend of Park. Even more, Choi controlled the South Korea by using Park. For example, Choi made all of the speech which Park announced. Since people knew that situation, they got mad and one of the biggest Korean progressive Party suggested Park to do voluntary resignation. However Park refused, Senate member made Park to be on temporary process of impeachment by voting. After 3 month later, she had to take the judge from the constitutional court that if she had the proper reason to be impeached. However, finally, she got impeached by a majority vote. That is the reason why she got impeached.

Even though this happening is the really shame, by this happening, Korea shows that proper rule of Democracy. Over 1,000,000 people are gathering to the square and protesting in peace over every weekend. Not even any accident.

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When you burn out



Many times you can feel burned out. When you're going to be a second year in American life. You can feeling why I'm here and why I'm studying right now. I think many exchange students feeling burned out one time. Burnout means The symptoms that are said to be a result of burnout can generally also have other causes, including mental or psychosomatic illnesses like depression, anxiety disorders or chronic fatigue syndrome. But physical illnesses or certain medications can cause symptoms such as exhaustion and tiredness too. This is mental disease, many exchange students call experience. I was burned out one time. It is not long times ago, When I was really stressful about the college preparing stuff example

of TOEFL, SAT, GPA. During Junior year, many students preparing for their future so they have to think about their major, jobs and college, but we are still 17 years old, we know later in the future. There are more complicating and multi-stress things in our society, but we are junior think about sports and beautiful future themselves and develop themselves. However, In this society, not allow to do that for us. We have to follow what they want and keep filling out our common paper. I'm so sorry talk about the heavy stuff in this newspaper. I want t tell you guys my Real American life. This is not a bad thing many people said this is common things. When you're stuck in many assignments and extra things. I'm going to

say pause second and talk with your parents or friends. They are hard to give solution to you, but helping relieve your busy mind and stressful thinking. Lastly, Believe yourselves. I want a say nobody can know your feeling better than you, so every time just implying yourselves "I was the best in this world and school". This really helps a lot when your depressing and mournful. Make what you're Mit what your like don't follow trends or what your parents wants. Sometimes parents' opinon can be right ,but that can make you paranoid and anxious, so make it whatever you want and experiences as many as you can.

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Senior recognition



At the end of every sports season our school has senior recognition for all senior athletes. Cheerleaders' recognition is normally in February when we hold our own cheer competition for grade school students. This competition is the biggest fundraiser through the year and we always have senior recognition at the end of the day. Till then we have to help the whole process for the competition.

We have to separate the schools and each two cheerleaders have two schools to take care of. We have to wait our school at the entrance till they arrive. Once they arrive, we have to lead them to their locker so they can put their cheer stuffs in one place. And ten minutes before their warm up practice time we have to find them and tell them to make sure they have all



kids ready to go for warm up. We have to be with them till they go up the perform. When they are done we have to tell them where to seat and how the rest of competition will go. It is really hard and complicated when our teams have overlapping time plan. But I really love this work because I can see all those little grade

school cheerleaders performing. And they are really cute of course. I can see they really admire high school cheerleaders and they want to be us. Even

some grade school have better than us to be honest. When all of the performance is over, while they are waiting for result we are doing our performance. When my coach told us to enjoy our last performance, I almost felt cry but I tried not to. Our last performance was amazingly good and it was the best performance that we ever did. After the performance all the cheerleaders made a bridge for seniors and our main coach Jen started read our name one by one. I was the first one walking, and while I was walking lots of emotion came up in my mind. When I heard everyone's clapping for me I was proud of myself. I was so happy that I made this awesome cheer year. When I saw my teammates calling my name and when we smiled to each other I was so thankful to them. So thankful to give me these precious memories. Our first competition, when they encourage me and believe in me for hard stunt, when they laugh at my joke, when we cried after our last competition, when they first became my friend, every memories made me don't want to say goodbye to my team. At the end of the road, our coach gave me yellow rose which is our school color. When coaches told me "great job Lisa", I finally realize that it is time for me to say goodbye to my cheerleaders. I started to cry and at the end we all hug each other and cried.

I have no doubt that I was lucky to have this special team. I could make through all of those hard practices because I had them. I loved to cheer a lot and I will miss it. I will always remember what we shout together before we perform. 'We are ready, we are back. We are better than ever, PJP II Forever!'

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