

My Amazing Trip to Texas

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It was 6:00am, way too early for me, however my family and I were ready to go on our 22-hour long trip to Del Rio Texas! I was so excited! I had never been to Texas, so I was very curious to see what it was like. The part that I was most excited about is, I got to hunt! At age 9, and no age limit in the state of Texas, I would be allowed to hunt for my first time ever. And there were so many cool animals like, hogs, huge deer, and even things called swamp donkeys! I was so excited!

After all day of driving, we stopped at Colorado Springs! It was so beautiful, there were trees with all different colors of leaves, and it was so cool to see all the mountains with snow that looked like it had a glitter bomb explode on it. And when we got to the hotel, we got to see my Moms cousins Brandy, her husband, and her kids. I had never met them before, but they were very kind and good people after meeting everyone and getting settled into our rooms Brandy's kids and I explored the hotel while the grownups talked about their boring stuff like their jobs and how tired they were! There were clear elevators that took us so high that we could see everyone in the hotel. And then we found waterfalls with lots of coins in it. And a super cool pool with the with all colors of lights and we swam and played Marco Polo and splashed water at each other! Then we all decided that swimming made us very hangry and so we were not in a bad mood we ate at our hotel. And surprisingly the food they made was outstandingly good. And then after a long night and day of traveling and exploring, it was time for us to go to bed! We were sad to have to say goodbye this this wonderful family, but it was time for us to go to bed so, we said our goodbyes to Brandy and her family and went to bed!

The next morning after a good peaceful night of rest we, got up to go to our next spot. Carlsbad Caverns or also known as ice caves. But the weird thing was is that it did not even look like ice at all, but when we got there, I was so thrilled to stretch my legs because we had been driving forever and it was super boring. When we got in there, we got to ride an elevator that took us 1,500ft underground. It was crazy to think about! After the ice caves my hair was in a puffball because it was so humid in there! But I did not mind because seeing the ice caves was worth it, but little did I know that when I got to Texas my hair would still be in a puffball once again.

It was time to head straight to the ranch that we would be hunting at. Also, where our friends that we had not seen in forever were waiting for us. As we were drove, I was looking out the window and I saw lots of hogs. The baby ones were super cute while the grownups not so much, but it was so cool since I have never seen a hog in person. After driving 22 hours for 2 days, we had finally made it! Pulling up into the driveway my heart was pounding. I was so excited and as I stepped out of the truck, I looked around and saw animals that I did not know existed. Like these black and tan things bouncing around everyone which I later found out were black bucks. They had long curly horns that could have up to 5 curls on them. And then I saw those swamp donkeys!! They had the craziest horns and looked half pig, caribou and half psychopath! There were so many other animals. I was just shocked to see so many animals! It was so cool! I was so happy to see my very, very close friend Nancy and her two puppies. I ran up to her and gave her a big old hug, and then I pet her two puppies and then Tony's dog Cash who believe it or not, is half coyote. Petting Cash for the first time was a little scary when I thought about the fact that I was petting a coyote, but the dogs were so sweet and calm, well for the most part. However, all three dogs were so cute. Then our friend Tony came out and said hi to us and showed us to our rooms. My mom and I slept in one room while my brother and my dad slept in the room right next to us. I was very happy that I was not sleeping with my Dad because I would never sleep with his annoying obnoxious snoring. The rooms were good sizes, not to big but not small. There were two bunk beds, and they were very cozy. After I unpacked, I wanted to explore because there were lots of things to see. So, I looked around the yard and found some cool things like armadillos and Axis deer. They were like deer that had cool three-point horns that were long. And they had spots. All over their backs, it was so cool. After that, I went inside, and to my surprise there were chefs cooking us dinner. I had never thought of chefs cooking us dinner, I just assumed that we were cooking our own dinner, but more and more surprises just kept popping up. Then I thought, what's next, a famous person was going to walk into the door? Then a famous race car driver walked into the door and I was so surprised I almost fell over. It turns out this race car driver was named AJ and was Tony's dad. This day just kept getting better and better.

Then we ate dinner, it was one of the best meals I had ever had. It was noodles packed with butter and very yummy sauce with meatballs that tasted like the best meat ever. Then after playing a game called 31 with Nancy over a million times it was finally time to go to bed. I was so tired that I struggled to even keep my eyes open. When I went to tell Tony and Nancy goodnight Tony told me that we were getting up super early and if I did not get up then he would pour ice cold water on me. Witch was a problem because it is a struggle trying to get me out of bed.

The next morning, we got up around 5:00 and I hurried out of bed as fast as I could before Tony could dump his ice-cold water on me. Turns out Tony was not even awake. Maybe I should go dump ice cold water on him I thought. But I figured that if I wanted to continue being on his good side then I better not. About 5 minutes later He finally came out of his room. And we could finally go to our hunting spot for the first time.

When we got there, I was surprised to see what our hunting spot looked like, there was this huge looking box with a ladder that I had to climb up to sit. And as soon as Tony left animals from all directions came in and ate their corn it was so cool. Some animals were only about 10 feet away from us. And then the action really started when the big deer came in. They were huge this horns that were sizes of 10 volleyballs put together.

After all our action Tony came and picked us up. I was very confused because I did not know that we only hunted until 9:00. But then when we got to the ranch, I was even more surprised to see that the cooks were back. And they had made us the best breakfast I had ever had in my life. It was eggs, bacon, hash browns and a super good fruit salad. Then Nancy and I played cards again watched Tv and ate until we got ready and went to bed.

The next few days were the same. However, I was still having so much fun. Seems like a new animal came in every day. But one day a very big pretty deer came in. And I fell in love with it. Then I looked at Dad and said, "that's the one" And he agreed. So, we got set up and BOOM! I hit the deer right behind the shoulder. Just like my Dad had me practicing doing. The deer went down like a ton of bricks. I was shaking and my heart was racing. We called Nancy and Tony and they were so proud of me. Then we skinned it and gutted it and it was so late, but we decided to get ice cream. It was delicious. The last few days were the same. We saw alot the amazing animals until the day we had to go home. So, we packed our bags said goodbye to everyone and traveled home.

During the 22 hours of driving, I thought about how much I would miss everyone at Texas and being in Texas, but most of all, I thought about how grateful I was that I had the opportunity to do what I did because not all kids get to do that.

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