

Tuesday, July 29, 2003

Hello again! Day Two of Nationals and so far I am having a blast! Yesterday we had the Parade of Athletes which was so much fun. Every team dressed up as different people and animals. There were lobsters, Baywatch Girls, characters from Scooby-doo and of course (the best costume ever) us! We dressed up as flight attendants and Dan was the pilot. Allie (a girl on our team back home) came up with the idea. The idea was from the movie "Catch Us If You Can". Our outfits were really cute. After that we went to diner at TGI Fridays because we wanted to show off our costumes. Kel told the waiter that we were really from the movie and he believed us! Then a waitress cam over to ask us if we really were, but then Kaeley had to go and tell them that we were. Grrr she ruined our fun. Haha, but then Kelly told them that she was Kelly Clarkson and they believed us again. The waitress was about to ask her for an autograph, but AGAIN Kaeley spoiled our fun. It was still a good night though. Haha, maybe when we go out to eat again we will be able to fool other people!

When we got home last night Kel died my hair again and I did hers. We had already died our hair red last week, but it was beginning to come out. Casey and Sarah died theirs red too. Well there wasn't too much exciting we did yesterday. The meet went on for a while because the 400's were first and that took a good hour or so. Our relay team did well. We were off our best time by less than a second and we swam a better time than last year, so it all evens out.

Well today I swim the 200 free. I am really excited about that event. I have been swimming it very well all year so I am real confident that today I am going to go a best time! Everyone in my heat is real close. Only a few tenths separate everyone in our heat, it'll be exciting to watch and swim! I am also swimming the 4 Free relay today along with Kel, Chels and Laura. That should be a good relay for us.

Well Nationals is such a blast to far! Everyone is swimming their hearts out and having a ball. All swimmers here are so nice and friendly! If I could come to this meet just to watch the atmosphere of it, I would. Not that I am saying that other swimmers at different meets are not nice and friendly, but here the four Y values (caring, honesty, respect and responsibility) are really focused on. Sure, the main focus of the meet is for us to come and swim well, but they are also trying to teach us how to become a better person and how to treat people right and those are very important concepts in today's society! We have to wear this wrist band that has the four Y-values written on it and it is a nice little reminder of how we should try to act towards people. I know when I get home, all the people on our team try to see who can wear the wrist band the longest. Most of the girls get up to the first meet of the girls season then we have to take them off because we are not allowed to wear wrist bands, necklaces or anklets while swimming in high school dual meets.

Well I have written quite a lot today and I believe that it is time for me to go cheer on my teammates. Until tomorrow!

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“Tough times never last, but tough people do”-A.C. Green

“What matters is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight, it’s the size of the fight in the dog”-Dwight D. Eisenhower