**Day Two:** The excitement of yesterday has continued onto day two. This is my first time here at nationals, from all the way up there in Pennsylvania. The weather down here is beautiful and the Hall of Fame pool is amazing! What an experience this is for everyone. Over 1500 swimmers, hundreds of parents, coaches, and officials from all over the country came together for this meet. Instead of swimming next to someone from across town, you could be racing someone from a completely different time zone! The opening ceremonies were awesome. Teams separated by state and marched in around the pool in crazy outfits. The adrenaline rush was contagious. The entire group of swimmers and coaches along with spectators came together to sing but of course... the YMCA. I have never seen anything like that at any other meet. Personally, our team is doing pretty well. We got some best times or close to them. The only problem seems to be sun in your eyes during backstroke or a little bit of sunburn, but that's worth the fun times we're all having here. Now, the boys and girls swim in different pools at the same times and the officials are doing a very good job. The meet goes so fast! It got kind of hectic when we had a boy and a girl going up at the same time, but swim meets are always hectic. Aren't they?

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