

Day 3
Thursday July 28, 2005

Hey it's Caitlin again. We are now in the middle of day 3 of the meet and it gets more and more fun each day. I swam my 800 free yesterday and did a lot better than I did in my 400 free. Today I am swimming the 800 free relay and am hoping to do a really good time in the 200 free. Yesterday after I swam the 800 free my whole team and I went back to the hotel where we are staying and a bunch of us went into the lobby to play Taboo. We were too loud so they let us go in the basement and we were there without knowing it for about 3 hours. Time flies when you are having fun. My teammates did not make finals yesterday night and it is sort of good that we didn't because after the two heats of the 800 free there was a bad storm and the meet was canceled. They are spreading it over the next two finals. Well the meet is almost over, but I still have many chances to show everyone who I am.

Hi, it's Kirsten. Today I swam the 200 backstroke. I didn't do so well today either, but I still have the 800 free relay to swim. I will be leading it off so I will be able to use this time. Yesterday was fun. Caitlin had been swimming the 800 but it was 2 hours after the rest of our team's events were done so we had to leave her there, get lunch, come back to the pool and eat it there. She did well, so it was all worth it. We had a good time even though we didn't make finals. We played games and went into the hotel pool for fun. Tomorrow should be exciting as it is the last day of the meet and our team is playing a huge part in the Closing Ceremonies. We will talk to you tomorrow!!

So as the meet is progressing we are loving it more and more. All of us have become so much closer together as a team. We came into this meet expecting everyone to be secluded, only thinking of the next race, and by the end of the week getting incredibly sick of each other. Now that we are almost done for the week we have found that no one is sick of anyone. We are all a "big happy family", as my coach likes to put it, and we are focusing on our race enough to still have fun and still do awesome. Everything is going great and we are loving this experience although we all miss our own beds...

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