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What a great meet this has been. Last night I did the devotion before prelims. It was a great experience, and one I will never forget. Getting the chance to speak to in front of everyone was awesome. Afterwards I went to my team's cookout on the beach. We had hot dogs and "all beef burgers" (but they sure didn't taste like beef!) It was fun. We played some games on the beach, and were joined for a little while with the Beavercreek swim team. My parents flew some kites we brought down. It was nice weather to fly a kite.

Today was probably the best day our team has had so far. We had three swimmers today ALL in the 200 backstroke. Sean Fellers dropped two seconds and look amazing in the water. Amanda Keifer added about a second, but she has dropped 21 seconds in that event this year, and she's had a tremendous year. I made finals in the back also. I dropped a second from my personal best, so hopefully tonight I can improve my time. Kasey Carpenter and Melissa King will also swim in finals tonight in the back. They are other backstrokers from they Southwest Cluster. They are great competitors. There is some weather coming in, but hopefully finals get finished before it starts.

Before finals started tonight, they had the Gate-guy Relay Challenge. It was pretty entertaining to watch. They are quite entertaining, and hats-off to them for doing such a great job. Their enthusiasm is tremendous.

Tomorrow is my last event! And unfortunately the last day of the meet. I will be swimming the 400 Medley Relay with Dakota Fulton, Brittany Rurode, and Corey Allison. It will be fun. This probably be the last time we get to swim with Corey because she will be leaving and moving to Florida. But, she will be joining the swim team there, they will get a great swimmer.

I would also like to say hello to my oldest sister Lauren before I finish because she did not get to come this year since she is swimming for Evansville University. I know she will be reading this.

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