



Pear3's 2010 Overview

It was another great year for the Pear3 family and hope it was for all our friends and family as well. We vacationed at the beach and on the African savannah, we worked and volunteered like crazy, we studied and learned many new things and cultures, learned new music and saw some wonderful bands and artists, and made lots of new friends along the way. The boys continued their outdoor adventures with the Boy Scouts, Ian preparing for Eagle, Danny on his way to second class, and Herbie as an assistant scoutmaster. We made memories that will never fade.



Patty the Busy Volunteer

As Mom & home manager, Patty keeps busy with being a band parent working concerts, football games, etc., pet sitting for \$\$ (she has a gift with animals) and her Bowling For Rhinos (over \$3.7 million raised to date) volunteer work. She spent the month of February in Kenya on Safari with two zoo groups and returned in July with the family. She is getting quite good with wildlife photography (see www.pear3.org under safaris).

Family Safari in July

Our family trip was 2 ½ weeks in Kenya in July along with some neighbours and friends. We visited old friends and the wildlife whose habitat we help preserve. We spent our days watching herds of elephant, numerous rhino, lions, rode horseback and camels. We met Phineas, the orphan whose education we sponsor and spent the day with him on safari. We visited schools and Massai villages. The guys golfed at Mt. Kenya Safari club and hit balls across the equator. We had drinks on a mountain top watching the sun go down (“sundowner”). A couple months later, Prince William came to the same spot to propose. We can attest to the fact that there is no better place!

Ian did a “Massai Manhood Warrior ceremony” where he slept out in the bush with a Massai warrior who taught him to kill his dinner, throw a spear, jump & dance like a warrior, etc. He drank goat blood and slept under the stars while packs of hyena circled camp and a herd of elephant meandered through. Our good friend James, who was the warrior with Ian, had to shoot his guns twice in the air to get the elephants to move on. He said Ian opened one eye, looked at him and went back to sleep so wasn't the least bit worried. Ian LOVED every minute of the adventure (minus gagging on goat blood of course). At least he was able to skip the normal part of the ceremony that entailed circumcision.

Ian and Herbie took an open cockpit biplane ride over Lewa for their birthday, and our friend Richard let Danny co-pilot a Cessna 185 over the Masai Mara game reserve.

Herbie the Traveller

Herbie is still hard at work with IBM. Since the economy has picked up a bit, he's back to jet setting. When not out of town, Herbie continues to coach boy scouts to become hard working young men with a love for the outdoors. He took a walk-about on the Appalachian Trail during spring break, where Mother Nature reminded him who is boss with icy rain and many black bears fresh from their winter slumber. He spent October in Ghana volunteering with IBM's Corporate Service Corps helping shape Ghana's growing economy with 10 other IBMers from around the world. He got to visit rainforests and pristine beaches on the weekends and made many new friends. A visit to the Cape Coast Slave Castle was most somber.

Ian the Crazy Freshman

Ian is in the Cary High band playing sax, Navy jrROTC and active in the Boy Scouts. From August 1st-mid December they live, eat and breathe marching band. His band competed in tournaments in Maryland and Indiana. It's a crazy schedule yet he still finds time to do well in school.

Danny the Nature Boy

Danny, a 6th grader, is also in band (trombone), Navy jrROTC and the wildlife club. He too loves scouts and is quickly working his way through Boy Scouts. It must be genetics because both boys love the military and history channels. Danny still loves his animals and continues to beg for a hedgehog.