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## A Field Trip to Baltimore



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*Beep... Beep... BEEP....BEEEP!!!!* I rolled over to hit snooze on the alarm clock, and closed my eyes. There's no way that it is time to get up already. Oh wait! It's Field Trip Day! I threw the covers practically off the bed and jumped onto the floor. *Baltimore Aquarium here I come!* I walked over to my closet and then stood with my fingers scratching my head as I tried to figure out what to wear. There were five different pairs of jeans and ten different shirts to wear. I decided on my comfortable jeans and shirt since it was a 2 hour drive to Baltimore. Bus rides are the best because you can sit by your friends, and "us kids" outnumber the adults. There could be seven chaperones and forty kids on a single bus; KIDS RULE! I just hope I'm in the group with my friends, otherwise this Field Trip is going to be a big bummer.

I was sitting at my desk, and saw that the clock said 7:50 AM, announcements are over and it's time to go to the cafeteria to get our groups for the day. Mrs. Hancock told us that the groups were set up so that there is one chaperone for every seven students. So maybe there is a chance that I'll get put with my group of friends. Ugh! I can't wait any longer. I made eye contact with Sarah and Anna, they are just as nervous as I am. They heard that each group has two girls and five boys, YIKES! That definitely couldn't happen because there were hardly any boys that wanted to go. Mrs. Hancock was reading off the groups. Five minutes later I was still waiting for my name. Then all of a sudden I heard her say "Group 7 with Mrs. Smith.... George, Jordan, Sam, Alyssa, Sarah, Anna ..." Oh please say my name! "... and Emma" Yes! I knew it was going to be an awesome day! I guess we'll have three boys and four girls, that should be ok.

On the bus we go! Everywhere you looked, my classmates had their cellphone and or iPod out in front of them. One hour into the trip Anna and I were already hungry. She reached into her lunch box and took out a huge bag of jelly bellies! Anna is really picky, and only likes 2 kinds of jelly beans; cherry and watermelon. "There are 60 cherry jelly beans and 80 watermelon jelly beans, I counted them out myself!" Anna said. "How long did that take you?" Sarah asked. "Umm... a long time. I kept forgetting the number" Anna replied. She is so crazy, this girl really takes her candy seriously. She is also obsessed with numbers.

Snack time was over. It was time to check out the aquatic life. As soon as we walked in we saw the gift shop and the signs for the Sting Rays. When we got to the Sting Ray section, there were four sting rays in one mini pool. They are so creepy, it's like they swim and glide at the same time! Weird. Next were the crazy looking fish, all shapes and sizes. Our group walked through the exhibit way too fast for me to remember all the names. While we were making fish faces back at the fish Mrs. Smith called all of us over "The Dolphin Show is in 20 minutes, by a show of hands who wants to go over and see it?" Five out of seven raised their hand. "Alright, well let's go ahead and walk over there to get good seats". We walked across the aquarium, and found some seats close to the Dolphin Pool so we could get splashed by them! The music started and a lady with a microphone came out and started talking about the dolphins. Two trainers with wet suits came out and then made all these hand motions that the dolphins followed. There were three dolphins and four separate pools that they could swim in. After about 10 minutes, all three dolphins were doing jumps, flips, and even splashing us in the first row! All the kids and chaperones were laughing and taking pictures so we could show our parents and other teachers. I love field trips! ☺