

TRAVEL

KAILYN'S WISH GRANTED

By Monica Sneath



Well, it only took one cancelled trip (back in the hospital again), 5 solid hours of packing, 12 months of planning and a lifetime of waiting, but we made it to Florida the first week of December with our whole family (and two nurses).

Kailyn's Make-a-Wish trip to Walt Disney World was amazing! From the time we left our house, until we returned a week later, we experienced nothing but kindness and helpfulness from everyone we encountered. Northwest's staff and crew, airport security, US & Canada customs, the Disney cast members, Avis, but especially the fantastic staff and volunteers of Give Kids the World (GKTW) Village.

Kailyn loved having her name on the welcome sign as we arrived at the Orlando airport and were greeted by a lovely couple from GKTW. They assisted us with getting our luggage, picking up the car rental, and giving directions to the Village. It was a great help!

The week went by so quickly. GKTW is such a wonderful place; we could have spent the whole week just there and had a fantastic time. There is so much to do; mini-golf, remote control boats, video games, a train, a movie theatre (with popcorn, treats and slurpees), 2 swimming pools and a splash park (definitely Kailyn's favorite), fishing, basketball, lots of ice cream for the boys in our family, a carousel, the Castle of Miracles, and the Gingerbread house for our meals. Our villas were a great home for our stay and each day a little gift was left for the kids. So much thoughtfulness is shown by GKTW to the families that stay there.

Kailyn only had enough stamina to handle about 4 hours at the parks each day, but we managed to fit in a lot of magic in those hours. She is a total thrill-seeker and loved the rides! Splash Mountain was her favorite at Magic Kingdom, with Kali River Rapids a close second at Animal Kingdom.

We want to say thank you very much to the Make-a-wish foundation, and everyone involved in putting Kailyn's wish together. This trip was a dream come true, not only for Kailyn, but for our whole family. Due to Kailyn's medical requirements, this has been the first time that we have been able to take a family vacation all together. It was an amazing trip to always remember!

My Trip To Walt Disney World

By Kailyn Sneath

I went to Walt Disney World with my family. This was my wish. It took more than one year to plan my wish with *The Make a Wish Foundation*. Mom and Dad and Zach and Margaret and Terry and me. We all rode in a big plane. I watched movies and read many books with Mom and Dad and Margaret and Terry.

We met Mickey Mouse and Winnie the Pooh and Tigger and Piglet and Rabbit. Winnie the Pooh likes to eat honey. Winnie the Pooh is funny. My favorite thing to do was the splash park. I don't like the pool. My favorite ride was Splash Mountain. I like to be very wet! Walt Disney World was fun!!!!