



## Camping Amongst the Giants

Last week, we took Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra camping choosing to camp for three nights at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. This gave us two full days for adventuring. On the first day we took a morning hike in the North Grove of Sequoias. After lunch we headed to Beaver Creek for the kids to wade in both quiet waters and small rapids.

The next morning, we hiked down to Natural Bridges where the kids and Robert waded in a river running through a cavern. In the afternoon, we drove to White Pines Lake where we had lunch, the kids played on play equipment and exercise equipment then went swimming and buried each other in the sand.

One of the kids' favorite activities while camping is to wash dishes! They even figured out who does what and when; taking turns to wash, rinse, and dry.



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## Hello Brooklyn!

After being rolled over to a breeder's waiting list three times thinking we would not have a puppy to replace Paris until next October, just like that, on June 16th, a puppy appeared in our lives! A friend of Kathy's told her the breeder for her dog (whom she found out about from the breeder we hoped to get a puppy from) recently had a litter. Turns out there was one girl available—all because the breeder had held onto her and another girl before deciding which one to keep for showing. At 10 weeks old, she was ready for a new home.

**Rylan** is really growing up. He graduated into middle school on June 2nd. The wealth of all he does is remarkable. He plays the clarinet, is an active Boy Scout, belongs to a highly creative science club, plays soccer, takes piano lessons, and reads so much he has become a powerhouse of knowledge. Ask him just about anything and he can tell you stuff you've never heard before.



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