



## Double the Fun Birthdays



Sierra made a special birthday cake to go along with a Pacific Northwest backpacking trip the entire Pine family went on right after celebrating Kathy's July 3rd birthday and Rylan's July 4th birthday. The detail Sierra added to this cake is incredible and included a waterfall, campfire, evergreen trees, a snow covered mountain, grasses, and even inner tubes in the water ready to ride the falls.



## Upcoming Gray PEAR Affair!

The theme, "Pearys Invade Norway," for this year's Gray PEAR Affair family reunion and our recent trip to Norway have melded together in a troll piñata and a game I came up with to help the Pearys get back home after searching for thier roots in Norway. Each game player will be given a passport to collect stamps for each of 9 port of calls Robert and I visited on our cruise. Once completed, the passport will be given to a Peary along with earning a ticket to enter a drawing for a number of prizes, one of them being a grand prize of a large beach-themed gift basket.



Plus, this year there will be an archery competition organized by Tristan and Nissa in the memory of Tom Gray, a very favorite and well loved family member we lost last December.

## Dancing Queen

In my May newsletter, I announced our team (Brooklyn, Morgan, and I) earned our first pass of three toward a Dogs Can Dance® DCD-MI freestyle title with a performance by Brooklyn and I. I have since been working very hard with Morgan on a routine to enter her into another titling challenge for a second pass. I am now waiting anxiously to find out how we did. I have to say I feel much more confident we will pass with flying colors than I did with Brooklyn. Brooklyn just gets too excited, wants to bark and jump while dancing albeit she has much better focus. Morgan is more laid back, not in any hurry and gets distracted very easily but when we had our routine videotaped, she performed great! For our third pass, all three of us will be performing a dance routine together. Stay tuned!

