

Hi Friends,

I wanted to take a minute to say thank you to all of you. I had the most amazing time at the Lake Escape this year. I feel so blessed and completely honored that you allowed me to take part in this trip once again. You are some of the most amazing people I have ever known and I am so lucky to call you my friends. The Lake Escape has been one of my favorite memories for as long as I can remember. I know you guys don't believe me when I tell you, but the first year that I was on this trip (93) I was quite, shy and completely unsure of myself. I think that your love and kindness is one of the main reasons that I was able to come out of my shell and return the next year (and the next, and the next) as the outgoing, crazy Kasey that I am. The Lake Escape was one of the places where I always felt that I was 100% accepted for who I was, bald or not, on treatment or off, quiet or crazy... I told a few of you during conversations this past week that when I think back about my battle it's not the sickness and pain I remember, it's the smiles, laughter, love, fun, hugs, and YOU that I remember. You made my battle bearable and you are doing and have done the same for countless kids. I just want you know how truly grateful I am to know each one of you and how much you have blessed my life. I CAN'T WAIT for next year. Thank you for being you and for all that you do to help in the fight against childhood cancer. Thank you for creating a trip that allows kids with cancer to just be kids. Thank you for bringing smiles to the faces of kids who truly deserve to smile. You are amazing and will forever hold a very special place in my heart.

Much Love,
Kasey