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Camp Forever

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Dear Jonah,

I still can't get over how incredible this weekend was and how badly I cannot wait to go back and see everyone again!

Thank you and your family for putting it all together and giving so many of us the experience of a lifetime. There's so much more I want to say about Camp George I'm still wrapping my head around the experience. I would love to continue to be a resource for campers, parents, and everyone in the TS community so please pass my information along.

I'm also attaching my poem for the talent show for the parents who requested it. It's all about putting a positive spin on an affliction with a sense of humor.

Thank you again and talk soon!

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Don't ever worry about being ordinary,

embrace Tourette's and be extraordinary!

Learning to love something you hate is scary,

But it's how we improve what we can't change, (see Tourette's is tourettitary.)

Me? I choose to LAUGH instead of feel malice.

I can't stand perfectly still and I won't be a guard at Buckingham Palace.

Or that directing traffic would be dangerous and tough,

And after 30 seconds of meditation enough is enough.

Now! My favorite part, lets talk about twitching:

The insatiable urges, the torment, the itching...

When my crush finally talked to me, to ask why I'm winking at her and liking my lips.

Or when I'm NOT on a dance floor but I am still Moving. My. Hips.

Fast forward to my first year of college,

When I was determined to re-focus on knowledge.

But when I got to campus, an inner clenching tic started

And for a year and half I would tic until I farted.

If Tourette's is a sitcom, no one knows what it's about.

Our story is a POP UP book with all the pages TORN OUT!

It's terrible choreography, but no one can handle the heat;

It's our never-ending one man show and we have front row seats.

BUT WHO ELSE gets to be in a room where one of us is yelling "FIRE!"

And no one moves because he's just ticking, and it's just another yelp in the choir.

Some people, they'll say we're mutants... but I think we're X-Men,

We're awesome, we're rockstars, so please start realizing it then!

Because I twitch then you tic, then I jolt and you yip...

And we all start going and it's pretty fun! Yes, we've got Tourette's and IT IS A TRIP.

Now as far as we know there is no cure,

But laughter is the best medicine, of that I am sure!

-Sam Wagner