

Putt Family Update on 2023-04-28 by Natalya Putt

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Hello everyone!

Another few busy months for the Putts! I am sure by now you are not surprised though! 😊



We started March with a Spring Break trip to visit Grandma and Grandpa Putt in Tucson, AZ. It was a great escape from the cold weather in NY for some sunshine (although, it did snow in AZ just a few days before we arrived, so we actually saw snow on our trip)!

We had a great time in AZ celebrating the boys' birthdays. Grandma and Grandpa planned a special surprise for each of the boys (big and small) on separate days. It was a blast! We visited Saguaro National Park, Catalina State Park, Mount Lemmon (there was SNOW), went swimming every day, and played miniature golf. The highlight of the trip was Grandma and Grandpa's pond in the backyard and their 4 turtles. The boys LOVED playing with them and feeding them.

Speaking of birthdays—March was a milestone birthday month for Will and Kale. Will turned 40 and Kale turned 13! We kept Will's birthday low-key with a small celebration at home with a yummy Oreo cheesecake. However, we decided to go BIG for Kale's birthday! We surprised him with a TV in his room. He celebrated with his friends at the bowling alley. AND, he also received tickets to see Hamilton on Broadway on his actual birthday. He enjoyed everything...but his favorite was seeing Hamilton on Broadway and going to the city. We walked around a bit before the show and checked out some sites. After the show, there was a sing-a-long with some of the actors and he met a few of the actors outside and they signed his Hamilton poster. It was a wonderful way to celebrate

this awesome kid. He is sweet, kind, and so patient. We are so proud of him and can't believe he is now a TEENAGER!!!

We were teased with several super warm days over the last two months (highs in the 90s) and enjoyed the sunshine! We attended several festivals in April for the Month of the Military Child. We checked out a few baseball games at West Point. And we also watched the USMA parachute team compete against Navy and Air Force one day. It is so cool to be able to have all these fun activities right on the base and attend them all!

We had a fun Easter celebration with a few different Easter Egg Hunts (at daycare, at a friend's house, and at home). Heath even got to hold some baby chicks at a friend's house! In April, Kale was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at his school. We are so proud of him and his accomplishments at school.

Natasha and the boys checked out Bailywick Animal Park a few hours away from West Point. There were some pretty cool exotic animals like tigers and camels. It was a fun experience. As a family, we went to Frost Valley YMCA where Kale will attend overnight camp for two weeks this summer. We got to experience some of the activities that Kale will be participating in, see his cabin, and eat in the cafeteria. We went on a rowboat together on the lake and Kale and Mom did a high ropes course and made it all the way to the top!

Natasha enjoyed several fun outings with friends over the last two months. She saw & Juliet on Broadway, a Reba McEntire concert at Madison Square Garden, a musical about Gloria and Emilio Estefan, organized a Paint Night on base, attended Casino Night on base, and saw the Statue of Liberty while riding the Staten Island Ferry to Manhattan!

We are enjoying every moment at West Point. Every weekend (and sometimes weekday) is so busy, but we love it.

Have a great weekend everyone.