



MADDISON FAMILY HOLIDAY TIMES

Christmas 2014

Maddison Family Still in Oceanside!!

Yes, another year gone by, and another year in beautiful [Oceanside](#) California.

The year kicked off with a [visit](#) by Grandma Judy, always a hit with the girls...

Mary's 10th [birthday](#) brought the usual cake and ice cream, and out to see "Wicked" with Mom. Unfortunately the drought threw a monkey wrench into the family ski plans, but Dad and Mary still got out for a day on the slopes for her birthday.

Spring brought more [plays](#)—an audition class at the Brooks Theater and a school production for Katherine, then "Honk!" for both girls with the Star Theater..

Moving through the school year saw the usual academic awards (here's where we bore you bragging about our awesome kids, so skip ahead....)

Anna and Katherine both spent time on stage at MLK Middle

School—recognized for their 4.0 averages. Anna got a bit of extra recognition for for keeping it up through all three years of middle school!

Mary continued getting the usual "Excellents", and became the CEO of her business during Ivey Ranch's "Biztown" program.

All three kids continued to be busy with the [Girl Scouts](#), with Anna earning her Silver Award by setting up and then managing a uniform recycling program (for less-fortunate families) at the elementary school.

Late spring/early summer brought us Katherine and Anna's birthdays (12 and 14) as well as a family of ducks— en route to Minnesota, no doubt—taking up residence in our pool. Months later we discovered seven ducklings following Mom around the pool...

Todd spent some time in Seattle dealing with some issues with

the Normandy Park house, stumbling onto "BunnyCon" and catching up with some friends there

Speaking of which, Therese came to visit over Easter!

Todd was also lucky enough to be able to drop in on [Minnesota](#) in May, for his Mom's 75th birthday as well as some time at Namakan with Brother Mark and the cousins. Nice.

Summer brought a great trip for Patty and the girls to [Michigan](#) where—as usual—a good time was had by all visiting the grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Junior Lifeguards, Girl Scout camps, the Del Mar Fair, and a trip to Yosemite with some great friends rounded out the summer.

Fall brought a milestone—our Anna is now in High School!



Seems like she's got some good teachers, and everything's going well so far....

Grandma Marilyn [visited](#)—another always-popular event at the Maddisons! Her visit moved to SF with all the Schwegman women.

Rounding out another great year, the girls had fun with friends at Halloween, and Katherine took a turn on stage in Zombie Prom!

Whew!



Girls Still Rocket Scientists!

Yes, the girls continue to be super geniuses.....

Despite their Dad's best efforts to discourage the reading of books and understanding of math, science, and history, their mother's influence persists and all three keep ending up in the top of their classes.

In 2015 we hope to encourage the girls to believe that the earth is flat and rides on the back of a turtle.

Until then we regret to inform you that you will likely continue to see Facebook postings of their A+ performance in school.

Sorry.



Visitations!

Although the pace has slowed down a bit, people we know continue to visit beautiful Oceanside, California.

We've found a somewhat direct correlation between bad weather in Michigan, Minnesota, and Seattle and the frequency of out-of-town visitors.

In 2014, visitations included not

only the usual visits by Grandma(s) but also a Reiber sighting in mid winter a visitation by Therese at Easter....



.... and a family of ducks that made their home in our pool in the spring....



Birthdays!



Mary made it into double digits this year, turning 10 in January.

Katherine continued her race to the

'teens by turning 12 in May...



. And Anna, as usual, coming in this year at 14 in June.

High school? Huhh?



Halloween!

OK, so I'm just putting this here because I had a couple inches to fill and Halloween pictures are always good...



To Minnesota...

In May Todd was fortunate enough to be able to visit Minnesota, to celebrate his Mom's birthday as well as spend a week up at the cabin with his brother and cousins.

As always it was a great time to see the family and spend a little time in one of



the best places in the universe!



Very Little Skiing done...

We're in a drought. Yup. No snow. Bummer. Maybe in 2015...

Patty and the girls were off to Michigan again this year, for a jam packed couple weeks of fun with Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents, and cousins (as always...)



... and Michigan ...

Grandpa Ben's Birthday, visits to Frankenmuth and other attractions, and much time spent doing things with the Michigan branch of the family.



Next year it's wedding bells in July as the first of the cousins gets married!

Thanks to the Mattson's exceptional organization, we spent most of a week in another of the most beautiful places on earth...

... and Yosemite!

We had a tremendous time with a great group of people.

And, yes, Todd did lose a toenail being stupid on the 4 mile hike down from Glacier Point,



.....but we won't talk about that....

Anna goes to the Prom!

Yes, I know. It's shocking...

That's why we had to put the picture here.



Hard to imagine she's started in on High School now, in the 9th grade.

I guess it happens, right?

Todd changes jobs!

Same company (Toshiba), just a different view from the desk...

After 32 years working in some form of job that had "Service" in the title, Todd moved into a Project Manager position for Toshiba's newly-created Business Solutions Division.

He's lovin' it so far, working on larger projects to make the business work better— that don't involve telling customers why their whateveritis isn't fixed yet....!



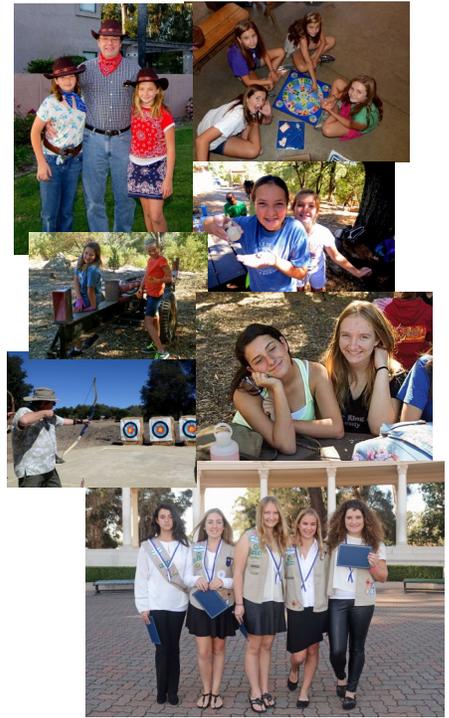
Girl Scouts!

The girls continued in scouting, with a great group of friends in each of their troops.

Selling cookies and nuts got them all to Camp (Winacka and Surf) several times. Dad and Mom were fortunate enough to be able to join them for a “work weekend” over Labor Day (a fun filled painting and log-splitting extravaganza), and topping it all off was **Anna's Silver Award!**

Anna and a few friends in her troop did a tremendous job designing and implementing a uniform exchange program for the local elementary school, to benefit underprivileged kids who can't afford to buy uniforms. The program has been running for two years now, with hundreds of kids helped.

Way to go Anna and the rest of the scout troop!



Theater!

It was another year of great performances from the theatrical side of the Maddison family, Katherine and Mary.

The year started off with an audition class, where the two fine tuned their skills at the **Brooks Theater**.

The Middle School Dating Game followed that, with Katherine playing a part in her school production.

Shortly after, **Honk!** began it's run at the **Star Theater**, with both girls taking on multiple roles (including a hilarious turn as members of the goose squad, top left...)

After a break for summer, **Zombie Prom** at the Star saw Katherine and her friend Rachel playing High School students faced with a problem— can zombies attend the prom?

The holidays included a performance by Katherine as part of the MLK school choir, and Mary was back at the Star as part of the Star Kids ensemble in a great performance of “Jingle Bell Jukebox”.



Grandmas Visit!

Once again we were fortunate enough to be visited by the Grandmas several times during the year.

Of course we can never get enough “Grandma time” in Oceanside...

The kids loved every minute of it, many cookies were baked, and we're all looking forward to more Grandma sightings in 2015!

The Year in Pictures...

(for more pictures from 2014, click [here...](#))



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