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## *I Am Special*

### I AM SPECIAL TALK

Sunday's theme was I am Special. Alyssa started her talk by asking who has heard of the song "Firework" by Katy Perry. Most of the campers had heard the song, but had to think a little when Alyssa asked about the song's meaning. The song tells us that we're originals that cannot be replaced and that we need to let our colors burst and our light shine. This song ties in well with one of our slogans for the day: "I'm free to be me, and I'm gonna be the best me that I can be!"

Alyssa said that we are like snowflakes; we are all different, that no two of us are alike. To show this, she asked everyone to stand up and to stay standing if they are special in the same way that she is. Alyssa started naming things that make her unique: she has two siblings, she absolutely loves Harry Potter, she speaks German, and she has lived in a different country. After a long list of what makes her special, the only person left standing was Alyssa's younger sister, Kirsten. When the sisters were younger, they were often compared to each other, and Alyssa didn't like that much because they are very different people. Alyssa can name all of King Henry VIII's wives and how they were separated from him and she keeps her bedroom clean, but Kirsten has little knowledge about King Henry VIII and her room is not so neat.

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## Camp Rules

100 % Participation • Total Honesty • Respect Yourself and Others

Alyssa also admitted that she is “kind of a nerd” and at first she didn’t think that was cool. However, once she attended Celebrate Me Week in 2000, she realized that it’s ok to be a nerd. She said, “I am a nerd, and I love it. I am special. I am me. That’s what makes me ME!”

Alyssa then asked the campers to share some things that made them special. We have some extraordinary campers and staff at CMW 2011! We explored our unique qualities further by filling out our My Quality World papers. The items inside Alyssa’s Quality World are things that make her unique and things that she cares about. She isn’t the best artist, so she wrote words that describe herself. She included the words CMW, swimming, friends, positive, and fair. Everyone’s Quality World is different because we are all different!

This week at Celebrate M.E. (My Existence), we are going to laugh, cry, play, sleep, eat, pee, sing, dance, swim, run, and smile. But most importantly, we are going to discover our unique qualities and celebrate the fact that God made us perfectly.

- MONDAY SPITS
- CANOEING
- TYE-DYING
- WOOD FRMES
- FRISBEE
- STRING BRACELETS
- DANCE
- WIFFLE BALL



Be who you are, not who they think you are!!!!



### **Cabin 5: Into the Wild**

Joyful **Josie Herrmann** is from New Prague. Her dream trip would be to England.

Kind **Kate Ruth** is from Savage. She would love to travel to Greece.

Marvelous **MaKenzie Baumgartner** is from Madison Lake. Her dream vacation would be to California.

Brilliant **Becca Guss** is from Mankato. She would like to travel to Grand Marais.

Rockin' **Rachel Christian** is from Mapleton. Her dream vacation would be to Hawaii.

Athletic **Amy Oldenburg** is from Owatonna. She would like to visit Hawaii.

Caring **Charlotte Lena** is from North Mankato. She would enjoy visiting any island.

Creative **Corina Ruud** is from Breezy Point. She would like to visit Florida.



Cabin 5:  
Lauren & Mary

### **Cabin 3: Pirates**

Terrific **Tiara "T" Coughlan** is from Mankato. She would enjoy traveling to Hawaii.

Nice **Nicole Glasnapp** is from North Mankato. She would like to visit Mexico.

Artistic **Allie Tupy** is from New Prague. Her dream vacation would be to Hawaii.

Magical **Morgan Swanson** is from New Prague. She would enjoy exploring the Cayman Islands.

Magnificent **Molly McCabe** is from Owatonna. She would like to travel to Hawaii.

Marvelous **Meghan Leagjeld** is from Good Thunder. She would like to travel to Paris.

Awesome **Andrea Lerick** is from Savage. Her dream vacation would be to Australia.

Talkative **Taylor Kaus** is from Lake Crystal. She would enjoy visiting Hawaii.



Cabin 3:  
Kirsten & Stephanie

### **Cabin 9: Beach House**

Silly **Sam Chalmers** is from Albert Lea. His dream vacation spot is a house on a river next to a golf course.

Interesting **Isaiah Lippert** is from Easton. He would enjoy visiting Switzerland.

Nice **Noah Decker** is from Mapleton. He would like to see New Mexico.

Spectacular **Spencer Heitkamp** is from Janesville. His dream vacation would be to Hawaii.

Kind **Kevin Huper** is from Wells. He would enjoy spending time on a small island.

Being nice **Blake Pfeiffer** is from Owatonna. He would like to visit Costa Rica.

Super **Shawn Busche** is from Fairmont. His dream vacation spot is Rome.

Jolly **Jay Sullivan** is from Owatonna. He would enjoy travelling to Jamaica.



Cabin 9:  
Brett & Reed

# Who's Who in Admin?



Alyssa & Lacy  
SOD Leaders



Kathy & Darcy  
Nurses



Nick  
DJ



Andy  
Games



Lily & Matt  
Diamond



Tracie  
Photographer



Helen & Matt  
Dishwashers



Lisa  
Office



Molly, Rachel, Brandon  
On-Site Directors



Kevin, Sheryl, Connie  
Executive Directors