

The Magic of Disney II

Dear Disneyzone,

I need to share my experience with you. As a foster care child I was never lucky enough to go on family vacations, never realized the joy of going for a road trip, none of those things. My siblings and I were separated when we were very young and only recently did we reunite. There are 4 of us, myself being the youngest. I had not seen my siblings since I was 6 years old. I am now 22. My oldest sister set up a wonderful party this past November to celebrate the reunion. Guess where? At Disney World!

My brother and oldest sister are both married with their own children, so it was an extra special trip. It was so nice being together as a family again and I couldn't think of a more magical place. (We had gotten together prior to the trip, but never all together all at once).

My sister planned activities for us all, she chose the hotel, she had everything all planned. It was

really wonderful. She encouraged us to come to Disneyzone before the trip to familiarize ourselves with Disney World. I hesitated only because I thought I would like to be surprised. After she kept mentioning it, I finally gave in. I am so glad I did. The website really gave me some great ideas. I got really excited about our hotel and the parks, too.

The 5 days we were there were the best 5 days of my life. I not only got to bond with my siblings and their family, I got to be a kid again. The kid I never really got to be. I felt, for the first time in as long as I could remember, an inner peace and magical feeling of innocence and wonder. My life was now complete again.

I hope to someday form an organization to help foster kids experience the Magic of Disney. People may not realize the struggles foster

children have. It is very hard never quite feeling like you belong, even if you are with a very nice foster family you are not part of that family.

Disney can't give these children homes, but it can give them an escape from the empty feelings they often have. Give them hope that Magic really does exist.

Sites like Disneyzone are also wonderful ways for people to escape real life for a couple hours, while you listen about other people's trips, help them plan, or just read all the questions and answers on the message boards. It's wonderful therapy.

So thank you again, mostly for the very encouraging message boards. Thank you for helping me get excited about a Disney vacation, helping me prepare for what to expect.

- Ellie - New Jersey

Visit the Message Boards!

The boards are one of the most popular places on DZ. You can post questions/answers and advice. Or just hang around and make some new Friends!

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Early Entry

Don't forget to take advantage of Early Entry privileges for Disney resort guests!

It's a great way to get in some park time prior to scheduled park opening times. You can get quite a bit done in that time!

The schedule is as follows:

Sunday - Magic Kingdom

Monday - Animal Kingdom

Tuesday - MGM

Wednesday - Epcot

Thursday - Magic Kingdom

Friday - Animal Kingdom

Saturday - MGM

Pass the Good News Around to all your Disney friends!

Toll Free Numbers for Priority Reservations

Hi, everyone!

A couple of toll-free numbers have recently popped up on some of the WDW boards. They are to the Walt Disney Travel Company but they don't require a caller to have a reservation with WDTC to use it. For each of these numbers, once the message starts, you can get to the WDW Dining cue by pressing 5.

Here are the numbers:

1-877-939-3732 (this only works in the US) and 1-800-828-0228 (I do not know if this number is limited to the US).

Please note: these numbers may be changed or eliminated at any time.

Scott

Check out Scotts Priority Seating Planning Guide at <http://pscalculator.net/>

Restaurant Reviews

Eating in Downtown Disney is a treat as we found out during our recent trip Walt Disney World. Due to being there on business we had several engagements to attend where we ended up at Downtown Disney.

We ate at Fultons Crab House and at Planet Hollywood. We had appetizers and drinks at Captain Jacks. Here are short reviews of each.

Fultons Crab House is a really wonderful place for a nice sit down dinner. If you go you should definitely try the crab. It is very good. They have a delivery sheet in the restaurant so you can see how fresh the fish is! Neat touch. I enjoyed the food and the service was top notch. Its not cheap but

worth the money. Make a reservation so you dont have to wait too long for a table.

Planet Hollywood has memorabilia from Hollywood, lots of neat things to look at. The food is good, nothing spectacular, but the atmosphere is great! I ordered a burger and it was good. Like I said, dont go for the food, but do check out the artifacts!

Captian Jacks has a neat bar area. I loved the crab cakes! Can you notice a theme here - crab. We were not there for dinner, but for drinks. I ordered the crab cakes as an appetizer. The server was hilarious, made the night very enjoyable.

-Ed from Pittsburgh

Snacks Etc.

I want to reassure everyone that you dont have to eat at full on sit down restaurants to eat well at DisneyWorld. We rarely ate a regular meal. My kids and I spend our days snacking around the world. We grab breakfast at the bakery usually, or grab a churro. For lunch we may grab a hot dog, or pretzel, fresh fruit, or pizza! Then for dinner we get a burger, sandwich or salad at one of the fast food places. It works out to be much cheaper and we get a lot more time in the parks. So if you are not big eaters, just snack your way around the parks. Works great for us!

New Years Resolutions

The last contest on the site was one that asked what everyone's Disney-related New Years Resolution was. We got some great responses, here are some of them:

To enjoy more time on the property outside the parks. There are so manmanymany activities and events that happen at hotels during the day and evening that we never take the time to enjoy (campfires, movies, horse and carriage rides, children's events and arts and crafts). - **Jeana**

to visit Central Casting and get an application and see if I can actually get my "Dream Job" at EPCOT!!! - **Ron**

To follow my heart and dream that someday my prince will come! - **Brittany**

to remember we are here for the MAGIC of Disney...forgive the 4 year-old's meltdowns, the 7 year-olds fear of thrill rides and my husband's penny-pinching eye rolls at the \$5.00 ice cream. I vow that we all will have a great time and remember to stop and feel the MAGIC. - **Kristen**

My 2004 Disney New Years Resolution is to be as cool as mickey mouse - **Ben**

to pay off my credit cards as quickly as possible so that I can take my family to Disney World. -Michelle

I have a great 2004 Disney-related New years Resolution!! My 5 year old daughter literally told her whole kindergarden class last week that we were moving to Disneyland!! She told them her mom was going to be "Bell"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I think they believed her!!! - **Heidi**

My 2004 Disney New Years Resolution is to plan the most perfect WDW vacation for our two grandchildren. They are going through difficult times due the divorce of their parents and I resolve to wrap them in the splendor of Disney magic. For one week I will do everything in my power, with the help of Disney, to put happy smiles on their faces and the gleam of excitement and wonder in ther young eyes. - **Jean**

Enjoy the entire Disney Property and all it has to offer...not just the theme parks! - **John**

My Disney-related New Years Resolution is to use the transportation that Disney offers to get around Walt Disney World. My family has been to Disney 5 times in the last 3 years and we have had our own car or a rental car to drive. I want to save the cost of a rental car when we fly down next December and actually ride on the Disney bus and boats to get to the parks. Everyone says that is as much of the experience as

anything else and I resolve to experience it!! - **Patricia**

To go to Walt Disney World again in 2006 with 20 pounds of less weight on my body ! ie. I will look better in my shorts and bathing suit :) - **Wendy**

To buy disney dollars for my kids and give them to them instead of allowances. Then they can spend them on our next trip. It will teach them to save money and maybe teach them the value of it, too. - **Megan**

I have resolved to be more like Winnie the Pooh instead of like Eeyore. I will be as sweet as honey and will have a touch of tigger so I can have some "bounce" in life. -**Jeanne**

Articles Needed!

Would you like to share your Disney experiences with others? Do you have some great tips that others might benefit from? Would you like to tell everyone about your favorite WDW restaurant? Have you stayed at one of the Disney resorts lately and want to tell everyone about it?

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We are out of Kids articles. Please ask your children if they'd like to write something to share with the DZ News readers.

As you know, the articles can be about anything Disney related. In the past we have had poems, scrambled words, letters to Disney, children's homework writing assignments and articles from kids wanting to share their expertise and/or experiences.

Articles can be sent to us at this email address:
kimmi@disneyzone.net



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Valentines
Day!

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Contest Page:

www.disneyzone.net/contest.htm

- play and you could win a cool prize!

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