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## Connecticut Science Fair

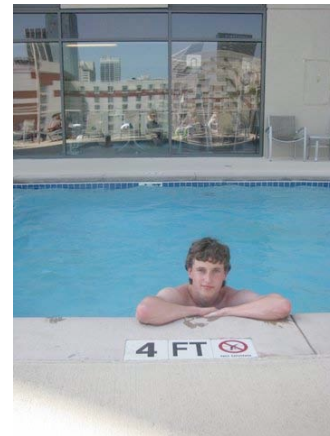
At the

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Hello All,

Today is a rainy day in Georgia and started with all the 1247 student's projects being on exhibit with the students manning them for discussion with the public. There were busloads of local students swarming the display area. But fortunately there were also interested parents and teachers that were asking relevant questions of the ISEF students. It is a more relaxed day with the judging over and some well deserved time this afternoon before dinner and the first of two award ceremonies tonight.



The following are Fiona Wood's comments on the past couple of days as seen through her eyes...

Sue Wisner

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On Tuesday, we were all excited to go on the Segway trip through Atlanta. We took a cab to the Segway store and watched a safety video, which was somewhat intimidating – it made it seem that if you ran over a branch, you would die. We then tried out our Segways around the courtyard, and divided into two groups – we ended up with a student



group and a chaperone group. We had a lot of fun – I'm pretty sure each of us had an upset somewhere along the way. Once we got used to the Segway, we looked around

more. Some of the stops were really fascinating. We saw the tombs of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King. We also saw the capitol building of Georgia, which had statues of its governors, including Jimmy Carter. We learned that the Georgia Zoo has a panda. We missed Ted Turner, who spoke with the chaperone group (unless they made the whole story up). For a grand finale, I wiped out on the curb about a minute away from the store. Oh well. After the Segway ride, Theresa and Dayton went to their alumni events. Mr. Bramante, me, Alex, and Eliza walked over to the CNN center for lunch (at their food court). Alex, Eliza, and I ran into the middle of the fountain but we didn't get wet – we crossed the fountain when it was off. Too late, we saw a sign that said "No Horseplay." After that, we had food at the CNN center, did not have any luck getting stamps, and then went to the Nobel panel. That was really cool. The scientists were really interesting to listen to. We went up to them afterwards to get a picture with them, but some of the other students were really obnoxious about it! We hung out until the Aquarium "welcoming party." Georgia's aquarium is the largest in the world, and we had a lot of fun looking at all the tanks (not a military review). The whale shark was huge. There were so many other exhibits that I can't begin to describe. At the World of Coke, Dayton and Alex tasted more different flavors of Fanta than you ever knew existed, including one called "magic." Never try a "Beverly", never.



Theresa, Fiona, and Alex with Leon Lederman, Nobel Prize- Physics 1988

