

Dear Alex,

Hey! I hope you're doing well. I just got back from the most amazing trip and couldn't wait to tell you all about it!

Last week, my family and I went to Yellowstone National Park. Let me tell you, it was an absolute blast! The first thing we did was visit Old Faithful. I had seen pictures before, but witnessing it erupt in person was even more exciting-huge jets of steam shot straight into the sky! We all cheered when the water soared up. Honestly, I felt like I was on another planet.

After that, we went hiking along the Mystic Falls trail. I nearly slipped in a muddy spot (don't laugh!), but managed to stay upright. The view from the top was worth every step-there was a waterfall crashing into a sparkling river, surrounded by tall pine trees and wildflowers everywhere. I tried taking photos, but somehow, they just don't capture how beautiful it really was.

One of the funniest moments was when a chipmunk tried to sneak into our picnic! Dad had to chase it off, but the little guy was determined. We ended up sharing a few crumbs-he earned them for effort!

I also got to see bison up close (not too close, don't worry!). It was so cool to watch them grazing around the wide open fields. Mom even spotted a bear from the car, but I was too busy snacking to notice. Typical me, right?

Every night, we sat around a campfire telling stories and roasting marshmallows. As the stars came out and the air got chilly, I felt so happy and peaceful. I wish you were there too-we would've made even more epic memories!

Anyway, that's my Yellowstone adventure! Hopefully, we can plan a trip together someday soon. Write back and let me know how you're doing. Miss you!

Take care,  
Sam