

Rosenweld Holiday Letter 2014

It's been an exciting year for the Rosenweld family. Adam and Galen both started college in the fall. They love it, but our house feels way too quiet and clean. Luckily, they were both just home for a month during their winter breaks. Adam is at Lehigh, majoring in Computer Engineering, working hard and playing hard. Following in his cousin's



footsteps, he's joined the Lehigh Formula SAE team, designing, building and racing single-seat race cars. Adam still loves sport climbing (though the Lehigh gym doesn't compare to the Seattle Bouldering Project).



Galen is at Cornell, majoring in Computer Science, volunteering for the student-run Cornell University Emergency Medical Services, teaching rock climbing, and getting out into the beautiful local parks and Adirondacks to photograph, hike, cycle, ice climb and "ski" (quotes added due to snarky comparisons between E and W-coast mountains).

Leah is a high school sophomore at Seattle Academy (SAAS). She has great friends and works really hard. She loves hanging with her friends, texting, and her sports. She is as dedicated as ever to gymnastics, though a badly sprained ankle has taken her out for most of the season.

Ellie, our fluffy white Samoyed, is now two. She loves sniffing, chasing, and sleeping, but her favorite activity is a hike in the Cascades – especially when we come to the snow line. She goes crazy in the snow, bounding cavorting and exploding with exuberance.





Margaret is as busy as ever, with lots of irons in the fire at work and more work-related travel than ever this year. She hasn't yet followed through on her plans of reconnecting with old friends (2015's new year resolution!) and spending more time in the mountains, but she is feeling very fulfilled and enjoys her full life.

Dan is also busy juggling research, teaching, University committees, consulting for some VC-funded startups, and an increasing interest in photography. Last year's close call on the N ridge of Mt. Forbidden has tempered his ambition to push the limits in the mountains, but the wilderness still brings him joy.

Highlights of this past year for various Rosenwelds included a great family trip to Belize (hiking, kayaking, scuba diving), an amazing summer solstice adventure in Iceland, various family reunions (including a wonderful wedding) and a backpacking/canyoneering trip in southeastern Utah (Galen had a broken arm but that definitely didn't slow him down – as the last page's photo shows, a cast comes in handy for wedging your arm in an off width crack...).

Here is wishing us all peace, health and optimism in 2015.

