

# The Maui Trip

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One night my Dad got a call from the president of Kailua Little League. He asked that I play in the baseball tournament in Lahina on the island of Maui. I felt as lucky as an angel so I excitedly said yes! A few days later. The day of our flight my grandma and grandpa picked me up from school and my aunty drove us to the airport. Before I knew it I was on the flight to Maui. After we arrived dad came with the car as we said goodbye to other team mates. Then we went in our car to a restaurant called Cupies. I waited as dad, grandma and grandpa ordered. We got lost on our way to the hotel but we found it was in Kihei. The hotel we went to was called the Maui Lui. It looked like the biggest hotel in Maui. We checked in and parked our car. A guy in a golf cart picked us up and took us to our room. We unloaded our luggage, ate and went to sleep.

The next morning we woke up early and got dressed for my baseball game. On the way to my baseball game we saw the Lahina fire and how far it spread. When we got to the field it was as hot as an oven and we were getting baked. Finally the game started and our names were introduced I was # 15. Then the umpire told us the rules and we started to play. Since I was a substitute player I only played and hit only one inning. When it was my turn to bat I hit a pop fly to right field and got to first base safely. The rest of the time I got no hits to right field. By the time the game ended we lost and we were sweating up a river. Then we were off to the field to say good game. We got to the snack stand and got chicken rice and a cookie. My grandpa bought us some All Star t-shirts and went back to our hotel.

Our coach told us that we could swim for one hour. When we played at the pool it felt good to get in the cool water but it was as gray as smoke. It was a 10-5 foot deep pool that had curved slippery edges like a side of fish. We played with a football; torpedo and any other games for the pool. We played for more than one hour and had a great time. My dad came to get me. I went back to our room took a bath and fell asleep watching TV.

The next day was the Grand Opening of the Tournament. Before that we practiced at a different field for a few hours. When it was time we got dressed and went to the main field. We were announced by districts. Since we were district #1, we were announced first. We sang the national anthem and then another game started but it wasn't ours. We

went on the long and dull road trip to the hotel. I got re dressed and picked up mom and my sisters and went to Cupies. My grandpa took us to a place called Taska Guriguri to get a special ice cream called Guriguri, it was like a very fine shave ice, but there was only two flavors, pineapple and strawberry. Then we went back to the hotel and ate. I had breaded teriyaki beef and rice. After a tiring day I finally went to sleep.

The next day we went to Denny's for breakfast. I ate the Extreme Grand Slam. It was as good as my dinner. Then we went to play our 2<sup>nd</sup> game. I hit a hard hit to short stop and got to first base and advanced a guy to third. Another guy hit me safe to home. I had no hits to the outfield. At the end we were so happy because we won. After that we went on a drive to the top of Haleakala. It was very cool up there and we could only see the top of Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea. That night we had a barbeque by the pool. We went into the pool and played small games of football and baseball. After I went back to our room, mom went back home. Then I took a bath and went to sleep.

The next day we went to Denny's and had breakfast. I had the same thing as yesterday. After that we went to our third game. We practiced and hit for a few hours. Finally the game started. I had no hits to my place in the out field and hit no hits when I was up at bat, but we still won our game. The next morning we went to Denny's and had the same again. We went to our game but it was delayed because of a fire across the street at the Aquatics Center. We could see the flames like fists of fire, so dad, grandma, and grandpa took us to the other side of Lahina. We went to Cupies and took my dad to Taska Guriguri.

We had our fourth and final game in a valley. It was very close game but we lost by one. After the game ended we went to a Maui bakery near there and we went to lunch at another place. I had chicken katsu and it was almost as good as my grandmas. For dinner we had Cupies and I had the same breaded teriyaki beef with rice that tasted delicious. That night grandma and grandpa left back to Oahu. Our coach said we could swim as long as we wanted.

The next day we packed up all of our luggage in of our car. Before we left we went back to Oahu, we stopped at Taska Guriguri one last time. We returned our car to the airport and then went back on our flight back to Oahu. On our way back I thought about thought awesome time we had.