

## Rhem Family News: A Year Filled With Adventure and Growth. Nolan is 5!



A big milestone this year was Nolan graduating from pre-school and moving up to kindergarten, well pre-kindergarten. We decided to hold him back one more year since he has a July birthday and will be the youngest in his class. We're excited to see him start Kindergarten next year!

The year kicked off with Nolan's very first circus experience as we headed to see the Ringling Bros. show. Bright lights, unbelievable performers, and endless excitement made it a perfect way to spark the year's spirit of adventure. Nolan was amazed by the acrobats, and larger-than-life performance setting the tone for everything that followed.

This year continued to be an exciting one for Mike, Bre, and Nolan, marked by unforgettable trips, new experiences, and plenty of smiles along the way. We started January with a visit to Great Wolf Lodge, where Nolan dove right into the fun. He especially loved splashing around in the water park and exploring the magical hallways each evening.



Nolan also had a standout year in sports. He made great strides in baseball, showing real growth in his skills and confidence on the field. Alongside baseball, he completed his first season in the First Tee golf program, learning the fundamentals of the game and building a strong foundation for future seasons.

Another incredible sports moment came during the PGA Championship, where Nolan had the time of his life meeting the pros up close. He collected a flag filled with autographs, gathered several signed golf balls, and got to experience major championship energy firsthand. For a young golfer just starting to find his swing, it was an unforgettable experience.

One of the most unique adventures of the year was Nolan and Bre's special trip to Montana. Nolan got a hands-on taste of farm life—driving a massive combine, riding four-wheelers, hopping on a horse, and exploring big grain trucks and tractors. The wide-open landscapes were a world of their own, and the best part was the time spent with family, making memories far different from the usual day-to-day back home.



Another highlight was a memorable Labor Day weekend camping trip. We spent the holiday sleeping in a tent under the stars, visiting the breathtaking Grandfather Mountain, and enjoying the crisp mountain air. Evenings were filled with stories and games around the campfire, creating cozy moments and lots of laughter—classic camping memories we will cherish.

We also made a fantastic trip to Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, with friends. The days were filled with kayaking on calm coastal waters, fishing adventures, and sandy beach time. We explored the Tampa Zoo, where Nolan loved seeing the animals up close, and capped off the trip with a Tampa Bay Rays baseball game—another thrilling experience for the sports-loving crew.

But the biggest adventure of all was a full week spent at Universal Studios in Florida, a trip packed with thrills, laughter, and memories that will last a lifetime. Over the course of the week, we explored four different amusement parks, including the highly anticipated Epic Universe. The new Super Mario-themed area was a standout hit. Nolan immersed himself in the world of Mario, riding the Mario Kart attraction multiple times, defeating Bowser, and collecting more coins than he could count.

The adventure continued at Volcano Bay, where we braved towering water slides and soaked up the tropical atmosphere. At Adventure Island, Nolan showed no fear as he hopped on multiple roller coasters, adding even more excitement to an already action-packed week.



From circus lights to Montana farm days, PGA excitement to beach adventures, campfire nights, sports accomplishments, and theme-park thrills, this year was filled with growth, adventure, and quality family moments—exactly what memories are made of.

