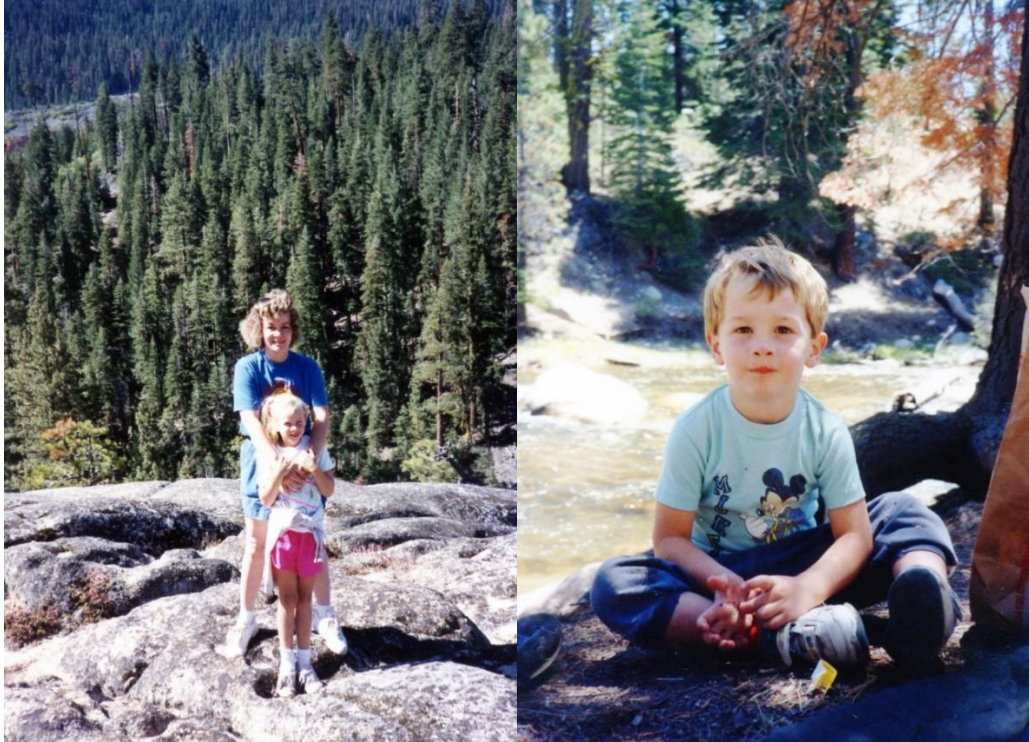


Our Family Camping

Chapter Three

June 1990 - Indian Guides Campout Near Pinecrest



Early 1990 – The Tent Trailer

Early in 1990 Grandma and Grandpa bought a tent trailer. It wasn't a brand new one, but it was new to the family. It had a propane gas line so that you could cook inside the trailer. There was a double bed at each end, and the dining table converted to a single bed. Grandpa rigged it up so that they could bring bicycles on their trips. He installed several cleats on the roof for the front forks of each bicycle. The front wheels were stashed inside the trailer. Everybody was really happy to have it for camping.



June 1990 – Trinity Lake

Their first big outing with the tent trailer was at Trinity Lake. They had a campsite right on the shore of the lake. One of their adventures there was to paddle a small inflatable raft out into the lake. One day the wind was so strong that it blew them far away from their campsite. It took a while to paddle back against the wind. There are some cute video clips of this camping trip in the Lentz Family DVD collection.

July 1990 – Jedediah Redwoods State Park

After their stay at Trinity Lake the family went to the coast and Crescent City. They stayed at Jedediah Smith Redwoods National Park. It was a beautiful park with tall redwood trees.

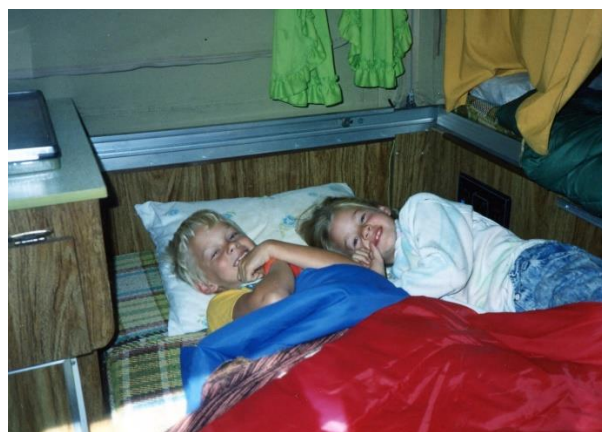
After setting up camp they went into Crescent City to view the 4th of July fireworks. They walked out along a jetty to get a good view. Half way through the show it began to rain lightly, so they hurried back to the campground to the tent trailer. Then it began to rain harder. And it continued for a couple of days. Grandma recalls “We spent a lot of time in the tent trailer going crazy with three active children. One day we made a trip into town and went to the local aquarium.” But after the rain finally stopped everyone had a lot of fun there.



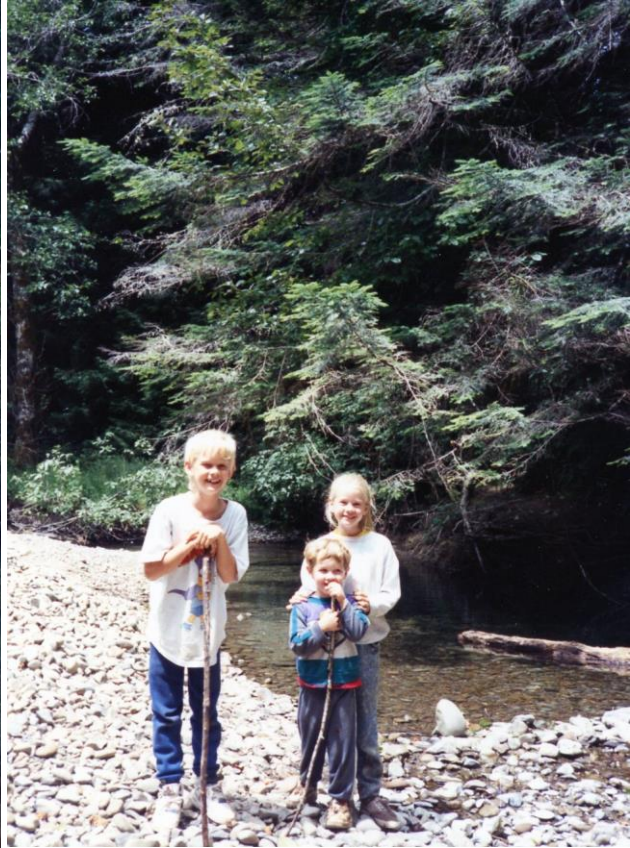
Here is Grandma cooking popcorn during the rain storm.



Around the campfire.



Here's the bed converted from a dining table.



Shawn is 8, Chelsea is 7, and Kevin is 3.



Enjoying a beach south of Crescent City on the way home.

July 1991 – Pismo Beach State Park

Camping at Pismo allowed Grandma and Grandpa to visit Grandpa's family.

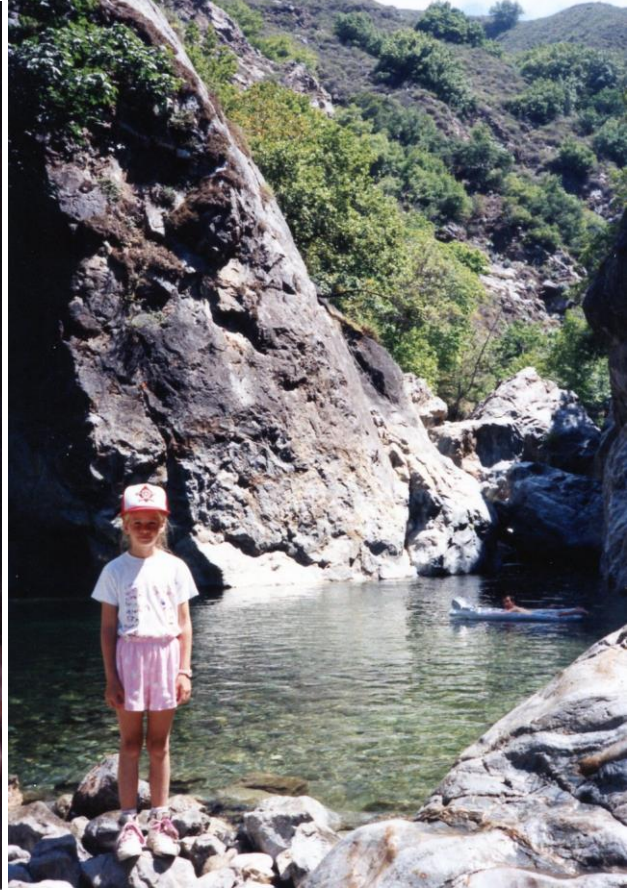
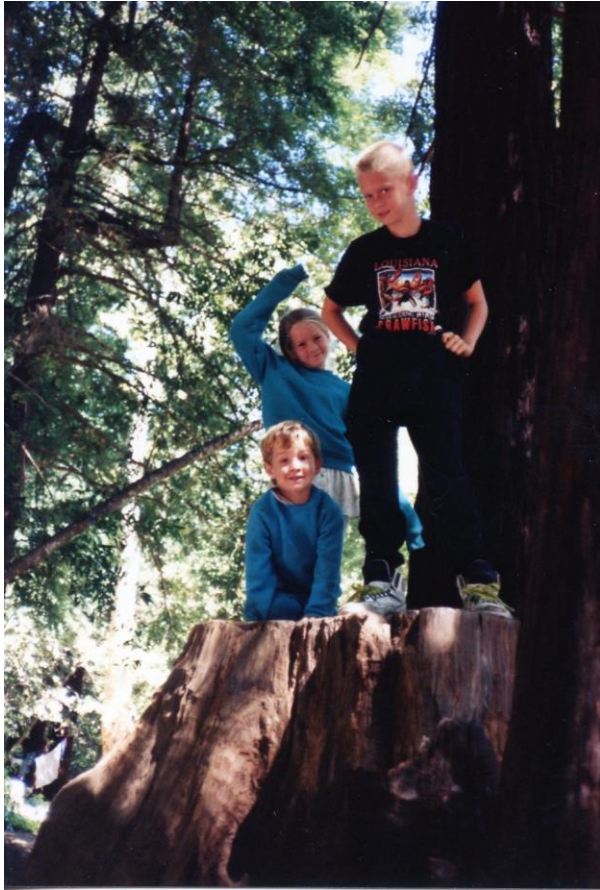


Grandpa's sister Susie Clark poses with Kevin, and grandpa's mother Louise Lentz is inside the trailer with the boys. Grandma remembers on our first night there, leaving the ice chest out all night thinking it would be safe. But all our food was stolen. Also, during this trip Chelsea had quite a misadventure. She was riding her bicycle on the beach one day, took a wrong turn, and got lost. The park rangers found her for us.

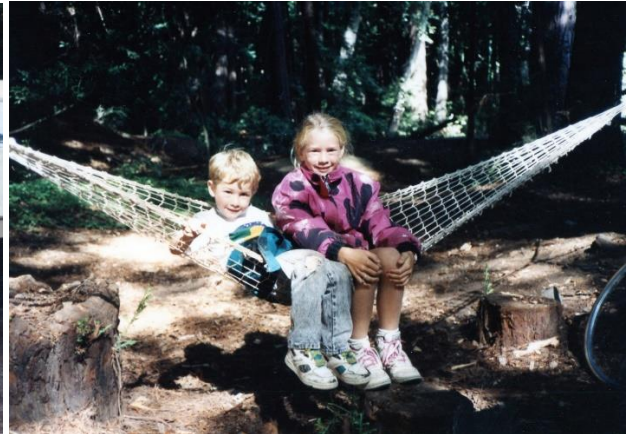


Chelsea (8), Kevin (4) and Shawn (9) on the Pismo Pier.

August 1991 – Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park



Climbing on stumps and swim hole on Big Sur River



Our campsite

One day while hiking, Kevin lost his favorite teddy bear, named “Bebe.” Grandma recalls that he was traumatized by that for a long time.

Easter 1992 – Lake Casitas

Grandpa wanted to escape the cold weather of winter 1992, so the family decided to camp out during Spring break at a lake in Southern California. Grandpa also had read that the fishing was really good at this lake. The lake is along Highway 150, between Ojai and Ventura. Grandpa recalls “It was a boring, full day’s drive from Modesto.”

The campsites were all close together, and because it was spring break it was crowded and people were noisy. They rented a boat and tried fishing out in the lake. They had no luck fishing, but they had a lot of fun around camp.





Shawn (10), Chelsea (9), Kevin (5)



Kevin and Chelsea climbed a rock.

Easter 1993 – New Brighton Beach, Santa Cruz

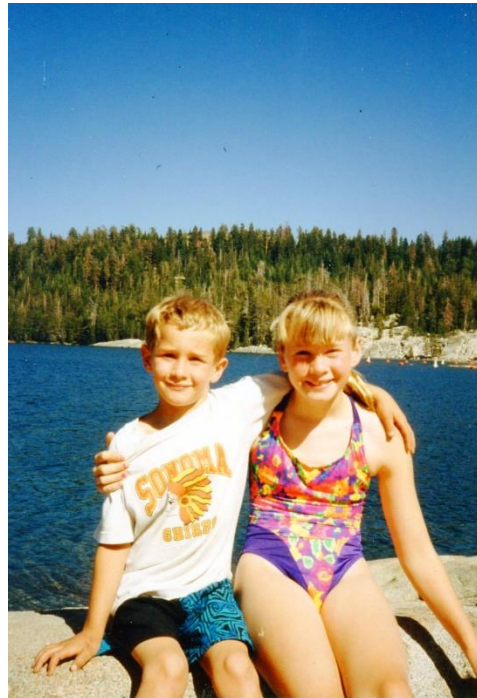


May 1993 – Pinecrest Family Camp with Girl Scouts

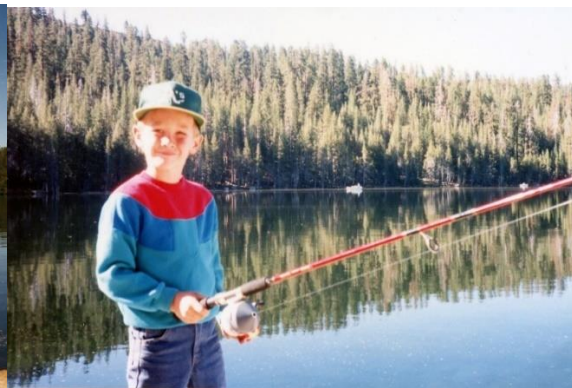




June 1993 – Again at Pinecrest Lake – This time just the Lentz family



July 1993 – Alpine Lake



Above: Shelter built with snow

August 1993 – Clark Fork Campground

Six years passed since the family last camped at Clark Fork. This time it was a special adventure for Chelsea and Grandpa. Chelsea was now 10 years old.

