FAREWELL PARTY!!!

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THE GOSSIP BOX

We have Cactus couples. Romance, romance...
Alex, if you like me, get me some ice cream
Misha’s and Max’s gfs are in Cactus.
Positive thinking is my favorite class! Ira L. and Travis are AWESOME!

Uche, Nata T. and Krisitna are leaving earlier for some lame conference in Frankfurt
Nikita had a nose surgery and he wants to make his lips bigger

Angie is a happy hippo
Big Chuck super Dad is the best team leader in whole Cactus ’10. We love him very much.
Hey, Andrew Z! Uliana tries to get your attention in many different ways!

“Greedy people do not read newspapers”
“Without music there is an empty soul”

Class Quotes

“What do we have to buy to conduct a successful project?
- Markers, paper and... people?
- Are you sure that’s legal?”


**TEAM BUBBLES**

**Pinky Pinkuins**

What was your first impression when you first met your team? Natasha, team leader: The first thought was, “I am very lucky to have such amazing people on my team!” After I getting to know them, became even more excited and, have to admit, I liked them even more. They are simply A W E S O M E!:

**Sunflower Power**

What was the best game you played in Cactus? I liked all of the games but the best one was “Would you buy my donkey?”. It’s so cool and funny because of different explanations about what your donkey can do. We had fun and laughed a lot.

**Los Torros**

What is it like to be the only boy on your team? Maks: It’s cool, because I can communicate with Michael (our staff) as friends and it’s cool to be surrounded by girls.

**Happy Max and Family**

Is “Happy Max’ Family” ever sad? Happy Maxes are never sad 😊 Nothing makes us sad: even when we lose we just sing our team song, joke, and smile!

**Indigo Pumpkins**

How did you come up with your team name? Shakira: Well, indigo was our color and we really wanted to come up with something funny.

**Red Ferraris**

What animals do you your team leaders remind you of? Nata: cheetah, cat, white hamster. Chuck: brown bear, whale, Winnie the Pooh (American or Soviet…hmmm? 😊)

**Bloody Mosquitoes**

What is the secret of your victories? Olya: perseverance, optimisms, responsibility, team spirit and of course, co-operation. Everyone of use has a lot of fun being a member of the BMB

**Green Machine**

Can you describe your team with one word? Why? UNITED: We are a team, we work together and support each other. During the bucket competition Tanya couldn’t complete her task; all of us cheered her up and supported her. Go Green Machine!!
What was your most memorable experience?
I guess, it was the camp CACTUS ’09. It was the first event that I have directed on a large scale. It took over a year to plan and it was very big. I mean, directing takes a lot of energy out of you, but it was really awesome. And it was something new for me, because I haven’t been in this position before.

How did you get the idea for CACTUS?
The idea of CACTUS was not only my own, but it’s something that has originated from different programs me and my friends have been to. Actually, the idea of CACTUS came from Nata Maslyuk. A friend of mine from America, who was supposed to come last year for CACTUS ’09, and I basically created the plan for CACTUS.

Were there any problems with starting the project?
Yes, of course, there are always problems when you start the first project, lots of people aren’t going to believe you. I mean, that is something new, nobody knows what you’re going to do and if they can trust you. Also, it’s hard to get the venue, money, and the team together.

What do you do besides CACTUS?
Well, I still finish my studies, I travel a lot and it takes lots of my time. And I also work as a leadership trainer.

Were you afraid of having such a big responsibility as directing CACTUS?
I would say “afraid” because if you are afraid of something you’re trying to avoid it. Sometimes this responsibility makes me nervous. Actually, it’s not such a big responsibility but pressure.

Are you going to continue to do community work in the future?
I mean, I totally hope so. I don’t know what will happen in the future, but I wish to connect it with the community projects and social events. So definitely I would like to work with people.

How long are you preparing your awesome hairstyle?
Actually, it takes just a few seconds.

Ulyana, Ulyana, Diana
Useful Slang

1. Kicks
   Very cool sport shoes
   “Those are some sweet shoes”

2. Duh/Doh (Thank you, Homer)
   Is used as an expression to say something is stupid or obvious
   “Did you know it’s going to rain today?”
   “Duh! The sky is almost black”

3. Diva
   A person who demands a lot of personal attention
   “She always makes me bring her coffee in the morning. What a diva!”
   “cheating?”

4. A crush
   A burning desire to be with someone who you find very attractive and extremely special
   “My heart broke when I found out my crush was seeing another person”

5. Busted
   Getting caught doing something “you shouldn’t have been doing”, either by the cops, parents, a significant other, etc.
   “Man, did you see that kid get busted for cheating?”

Question of the Issue:
“What age would you be if you could choose?“

My CACTUS experience was...

A bicycle can’t stand on its own because it’s two-tired
A gossip'er is someone with a great sense of rumor
Is reading in the bathroom multi-tasking?
Santa’s helpers are subordinate clauses.

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