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Open up and say AHHHH!!!



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Welcome to the December, 2018 edition of *The Noodle*, written and published by the FYC. For this issue of *The Noodle*, members of the FYC were asked to respond to the question “what is your favorite holiday?”

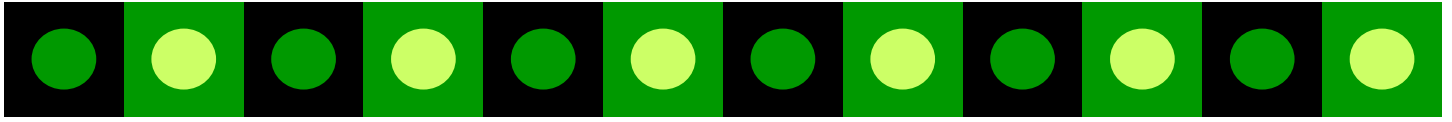
This topic allowed members to share their thoughts on what holiday they love the most. We hope you will take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to learn about our experiences and enjoy our thoughts and opinions in this December, 2018 edition of *The Noodle*!



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It's the Most Beautiful Time of the Year

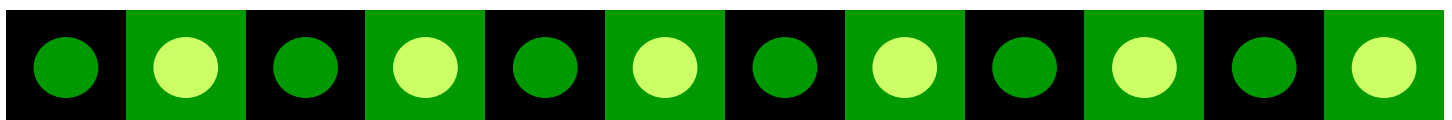
As the snow covers the globe from north to south, and from east to west, kids running in school halls and college students are out are out for my favorite holiday: Christmas. Santa, who goes by a lot of names around the world, brings gifts to good boys and girls. That's why you need to watch out. You never know who's watching. Most of all I love chilling with the folks I know and my friends. It also has its drawbacks for me as well, because my birthday is a week from Christmas and I tend to get cheated in the gift department.

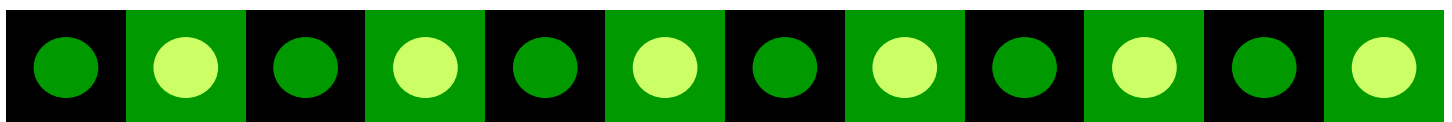
At this time of year I L.O.V.E watching Frozen because I can relate to that movie in many ways. Elsa is similar to me, and Anna, oh gosh, reminds me too much of my little sister. If I'm being honest we all can relate to them in our own way. We may not get to choose our siblings, but we can choose what type of sibling we are going to be. Oh, and don't get me started on New Year's resolutions. I mean, what is the purpose of them? No one can keep theirs, and that includes me. What I don't get is why we still make them anyway.

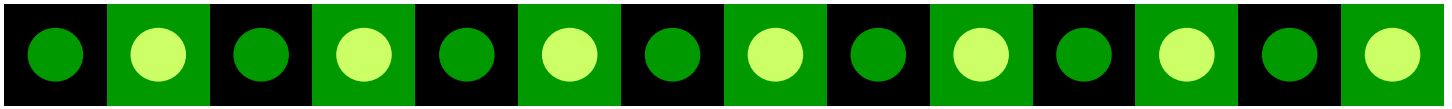
Don't wish upon a star alone, do it on Christmas when you're not alone in the winter snow, and maybe you will get that wish you always wanted. Don't just dream it, reach for it, because if you do not I promise at the end of the day it was nothing more than fantasy and not reality. Believe me, dreams can come true if you just let yourself go in the moment and make a wish. It will come true! It did for me at least. But like anything, everything worth having is never easy.

So, do you want to build a snowman? Well do you?

By Dakota Smoot





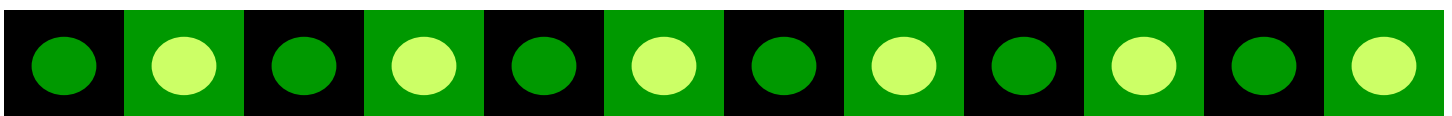


Happy Holiday Memories

I have a couple of memories of special holidays. My favorite memory of Christmas is when my family flew in a plane to Ohio. I'm not sure how old I was, but it was in elementary school. When we first arrived, I was surprised by the hills. It was so flat at home that the closest I'd ever come to a hill was a bridge. It took me a while to understand that the hills were natural, not man made. That was also when I experienced snow for the first time. My mom bundled me up in all these clothes and laid me down on a plastic bag in the snow so I could make snow angels without getting too wet. As it turned out, snow is very cold. I didn't believe my parents that it would be so cold. What did I know? I live in the Sunshine State. Another thing we did that I will always remember was building fires with my grandfather in the fireplace. It was fascinating how the fire crackled louder than I ever imagined.

Another memory of a favorite holiday was Valentine's Day. When I was the only girl in my ESE class, I ended up with a lot of gifts. (First and last time I was the most popular girl in class.) I didn't know they were doing Valentine's celebration that day because I was only in that class part of the day. I felt bad because I hadn't brought anything and didn't want the boys to be upset. I did the only thing I could think of and brought in a bag of candy the next day and everyone was happy. Making sure that no one felt left out was my number one priority. I still feel that way today.

By Serena Wetmore

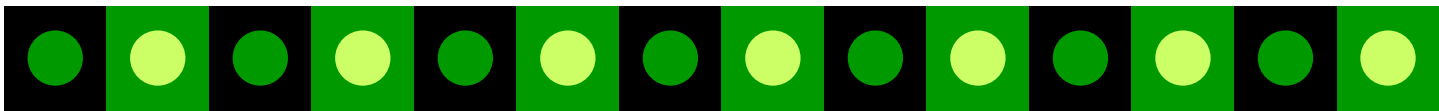




My Favorite Holiday

It's actually a no-brainer here, but my favorite holiday is Christmas because of nothing more than the fact that I like holidays that are spent being with the family. Every year my brothers and I get together to crack some jokes and wreak havoc. My parents cook some the best food you will ever eat. It makes me hungry just thinking about it. This year we have a new member of the family (my niece Talia, even though it's her second Christmas). It is a particular moment when you gather with your family because it's one of the few times that everyone will see each other all in one house. Of course, the best part of Christmas is opening presents, especially when you get what you want (not really). The most important thing about celebrating Christmas is that it marks the birth of Christ. This is why Christmas is my favorite holiday, and hopefully, everyone that is reading this will have a safe holiday.

By Alexander Gonzales



How Do I Become Part of The Florida Youth Council?

The Florida Youth Council is a group of youth (between the ages of 15 and 17) and emerging leaders (between the ages of 18 and 30) with disabilities or special health care needs that live in Florida.

The Florida Youth Council is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program empowers youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to discuss those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to address them.

We are seeking a group of enthusiastic, motivated youth and emerging leaders to participate. If you would like to take a leadership role in advocating for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, please visit The Florida Youth Council website at www.floridayouthcouncil.com. The program is open to application year round. We hope to hear from you soon!



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