

Lake House Photos of Gil Family Get-together, Sand Lake, Albany, NY - July 3 to 7, 2013

This was mainly the idea of our 3 children, who wanted a "bonding" of all our families. This is a rare time when almost all of us - children, spouses and grandchildren could gather together under one roof for a few days.



View from the lake house with Joey & Judy canoeing Ramon's kids Emilio & Victoria, within an hour after we drove in.



Danny on a self-timed shot with the canoe. Campfire in foreground is where we cooked marshmallows later that night.



View of the lake house from the canoe on the lake. House has 4 bedrooms, huge sala and dining, 2 playrooms, etc, patios all around, 2 garages, and private pier on lake. Relatively good price of \$1200 Monday to Sunday rental. We effectively occupied it Monday when Ramon came in. The rest of us came on Wednesday. All leave by Sunday. Not bad at all considering the other alternative of hotel rooms for 4 families.



Another view of the pier with Judy and three of the kids. We had arrived an hour earlier, while Ramon and his 2 kids were already on hand since Monday. Babette & Will and their 2 kids arrived a few minutes earlier in their car, and the kids promptly jumped in. The next day, I was surprised to find that 6 year old Asha, with water wings, could swim to the floating dock shown further out when accompanied by Babette. I had some difficulty doing that.

We splurged on groceries and food, especially on the dozen lobsters, knowing that we didn't have time to go to our favorite lobster restaurant treat in Newark. Joey and Judy fly back to LA Sunday. Came out more cost effective this way; bought fresh lobsters and cooked them by boiling. We prefer that to broiling.



Part of the lobsters. The pot was too small and we have to cook them in 3 batches.



But before we attacked the lobsters and broiled pork chops and other goodies, we had a group pose: Ramon, Lisa, Babette, Joey and Danny. The first group photo in many years.



The kids pretending to be ninjas using those noodle-like floating devices as fighting sticks.



Joey and Babette working out martial arts fighting with real kai sticks while the video camera rolls on.



Cooking marshmallows by the campfire.



Photo above was not taken at the lake house. Since our first grandson Menelik couldn't make it due to school finals, I included photo of him, Bette and Corey taken 2 weeks earlier at Brooklyn, NY.



While waiting for the rest of the family clan to assemble, Joey strums the guitar. His super camera is partly set up.



I didn't wait for Joey's group photos. Here are mine. That's Ramon & Glenda, kids Victoria & Emilio.



Will Tatz & Babette. Kids Asha & Corey.



Joey & Judy.



And the final group picture. Glenda's sister Joana is beside her. And I could have cloned myself in, but didn't. Two more days to go with us all together, but the pictures might get too onerous.

Danny Gil 5 July 2013