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MOST Moms...”

This year’s mom’s getaway weekend was different from any other we have ever had. This was our 10th year for our QQS Moms getting together and we had TONS of surprises, gifts and events for attendees because of this. One big thing that made this year different from those in the past is that it was not just for our QQS moms. It was open to ALL MOST moms but since we had to book so many things far in advance we had to limit how many moms could participate. It was somewhat smaller than groups in the past, 10 moms, but jam packed with laughs (Please don’t call security AGAIN! We were just laughing), tours, gifts and “uplifting” adventures.



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I LOVED all of the treats the moms brought from their home states especially the Berger Chocolate Cremes from Maryland, Cheryl & Co Frosted Cinnamon Pumpkin cookies from Ohio and the Kettle Korn from IL. They were perfect with the Black & White cookies, apples and Snapple from NY!

Our moms arrived by trains, planes and automobiles and we traveled about NYC by taxi, subway and the good old fashioned foot. Much thanks to our own Mary Beth Reeves for helping in the planning and accommodations for this event. The hotel was fantastic and most of our rooms either had a view of the river or the fantastic skyline of NY including the Empire State building. In honor of our 10th year of gathering for fun, empathy and support as each mom arrived she received a gift bag which was loaded to the gills with MOST store gifts, NY specialty items, a NY music CD and MANY items from supporters of our event. We met up for lunch on Thursday then toured the NY Public Library and relaxed in

Bryant Park. Later we met up with more of our moms and traveled by taxi (sorry, not the cash cab) uptown for dinner. The next morning we were out of the hotel early strolling through Times Square and then for our first subway ride and a tour of Grand Central Station and lunch. Then off to catch the taping of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire with Regis Philbin. As it would turn out, this was also the 10th anniversary of this show as well (what a co-winkie-dink). After the taping we walked through Central Park and then over to Madison Ave. for a MOST moms favorite “uplifting” experience with private bra fitters. From there we had a quick dinner and then crashed after collecting more goodies for our gift bags. Every six hours from Thursday until Sunday afternoon more items were added to our overstuffed gift bags for those in attendance. It was like Christmas in NY (without the snow and cold)!

Saturday more of our moms joined us and a few went to see Kelly Clarkson perform for ABC’s Good Morning America in Central Park and then we were off for a fantastic food tour in Greenwich Village. This was so much more than a food tour! For me it was one of the highlights of this trip. We finished up

with not only a lot of history of this interesting neighborhood, some great photos of buildings used in movies and TV shows, full bellies after some outrageously delicious food but also some great ideas of where to eat for future trips to NYC. It was time walk off some of our many desserts and therefore strolled over to Washington Square Park and to catch some quintessential NY people watching. From there we took a subway over to the World Trade Center area and a quick visit to St. Paul's Chapel www.saintpaulschapel.org. The oldest continuously used building in Manhattan and host to George Washington's inauguration day and survivor of the terrorist's attack of September 11, 2001. From there we walked over to Battery Park to view the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and some would catch the Staten Island Ferry for an up close view of each. After a quick dinner near Times Square we made it up to the Top of the Rock in Rockefeller Center for an awesome view of the NYC skyline at night. For the perfect ending to a perfect day some of our moms went for some midnight NY Cheesecake at Roxy's diner in Times Square. This truly is the city that does not sleep but these tired moms were more than ready to hit the hay, and collect more goodies, before heading back home the next day.



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