



We have successfully survived another Nationals. If you are like me, this is not the best news. It means back to reality and out of

our Limi-bubble. Back to bills and jobs you don't necessarily enjoy. However, we have left with more memories than we can count and more friends than anyone will believe you actually have.

First off, I want to say another HUGE thanks to everyone involved who made this week such an amazing seven days. I always drive onto the fairgrounds expecting nothing less than the world on a silver platter, and the planning committees never disappoint. Texas (I am totally not biased) has to have the most amazing group of people. I only saw a glimpse of what it takes to run this event, but you must be strong willed and patient. My congrats to you on being able to pull it off.

Another thanks to all the kids who showed up. If you didn't, the board and I would be wondering around

the fairgrounds conducting quiz bowl between ourselves and there would be a total of 15 head in our show. Thank you for watching each others stalls and helping each other to the wash rack. Without that, things wouldn't be nearly as fun. No one likes pulling a thousand pound animal 300 feet.

And a thanks to the parents. No one would be here if it weren't for you, I definitely know I wouldn't. So kids, give them a massive hug and tell them you love them. I cannot wait to be back with all of y'all. Every second we are away from each other, we are closer to being back together. Back to late nights hanging out and almost regretting it when we have to be up at five in the morning. But then we remember a joke someone told and laugh so hard you almost hit the floor and that shred of regret fades away.

During our away time, remember the board and I are just an e-mail or phone call away. We are here to make you as happy as we possibly can. I can't wait for the next family reunion. See you soon!

Your NALJA president,

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