

# THE ONLY DIRECTION

Two sisters become front seat fans at a One Direction concert the night before school starts

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What started as a prank, fell into a fancy of a boy band.

"Being the funny person I am, I decided to play a trick on my sister and turn the TV to none other than *One Direction: This Is Us* movie," **Darcey Nix** [11] said. "I thought it would be hilarious to make her watch, but as I watched them, I became a fan myself."

Failing to use persuasion, the Nixs decided to drop the idea until Darcey came across a tweet offering tickets.

"I kept trying to convince my parents to take us to their concert in Dallas on August 24th, but they kept saying no," Darcey said. "I was upset but let it go because I knew it wasn't going to happen until I got on twitter and this girl tweeted, 'I am selling 3 floor tickets for the WWA Dallas Show @ 7:30 p.m., please respond if interested.' Well I was interested."

Hopes and dreams renewed, they again pleaded with their parents.

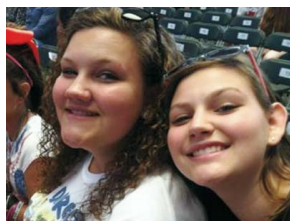
"I ran inside and pleaded to my mom, begging for the tickets," Darcey said. "She said yes, but only if my dad is okay with it, and he was, thank goodness. The girl gave the tickets to us because the concert was literally two weeks away."

When the time came for the concert to start, the younger sister **Shelby Nix** [9] was in disbelief at where she was.

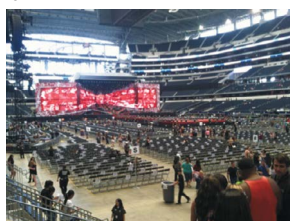
"When [the concert] first started, my heart stopped and sank down, melting away," Shelby said. "I couldn't believe that of all the places I could be, that I was at a *One Direction* concert. In the beginning of summer, any time I heard them on the radio or someone started talking about them I would turn off the song or wouldn't listen."

Although disliking *One Direction* in the beginning, they grew to like them, allowing them to create fond memories before school.

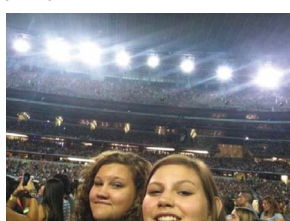
"The concert was over and we got home at 1:45 a.m. and I had not stopped smiling even though my throat hurt like crazy from singing terribly," Darcey said. "I got up that morning at 6:00 a.m. to start getting ready for the first day of junior year and I remember my mom asking, 'Was the concert worth not getting any sleep?' and I replied, 'Yes, I couldn't have dreamed of a better way to start off the school year.'"



With a smile, **Darcey Nix** [11] and **Shelby Nix** [9] pose for a picture at the *One Direction* concert. "The concert was amazing and afterwards I had said that I could do this every night," Shelby said. "I could watch and listen to *One Direction* every night without any complaint." photo by jana nix



With anticipation and shock, **Darcey Nix** [11] views the crowded stadium. The Nix family arrived early in order to acquire a nice spot in the crowd. Later that night, they were only 30 feet away from the band. photo by jana nix



An exquisite view, **Darcey Nix** [11] and **Shelby Nix** [9] prepare for the concert with a picture perfect moment. During the concert, their mom took many pictures to remember the night. photo by jana nix



On screen, Niall and Louis perform during the *One Direction* concert at the Cowboy Stadium in Arlington Texas. "The day of the concert came and I was ecstatic, only to realize we had school the next day," Darcey said. "We arrived at Dallas Cowboy Stadium where the concert took place and were the first to receive wristbands meaning we had access to the floor." photo by jana nix



A Longhorn fan, **Slaton Teague** [12] encourages the kids in Africa to show their support of The University of Texas. "The crowd was getting chaotic, so I had to get the kids attention with the Longhorn sign," Teague said. "I enjoyed working with the kids at the village." photo courtesy of slaton teague

## MISSION MOMENT

Senior travels to Africa to share the Gospel



Being the salt of the world, **Slaton Teague** [12] poses for a picture with a brother in Christ. "The guy in white is Rodgers," Teague said. "I had the opportunity to lead him to Christ." photo courtesy of slaton teague



Friends around, **Slaton Teague** [12] enjoys the company of his translators. "Once a week, I talk to my translators on Facebook," Teague said. photo courtesy of slaton teague

In front of a crowd, **Slaton Teague** [12] brings the good news to the people of Africa during the summer. "I had the opportunity to speak in front of one-thousand people," Teague said. "And 72 people accepted Jesus." photo courtesy of slaton teague

## Sand to Surf

Students spend summer vacation near the water with friends, family, local animal life



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