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My Surfing Experience with San Diego Surfing Academy

For my 13th birthday my mom told me that there was a surprise for me. She even blind folded me so I could not guess the best surprise ever! When I got to my surprise, I was completely stoked because my surprise was a surf lesson with the greatest surf instructor, by the name of Pat. Right away I knew he was a cool guy. He started talking and joking around with me and making me at ease.

We both got down to the beach and we started the lesson by him teaching me how to pop up on the board. We practiced popping up and he told me about safety hazards. I learned how to paddle in, to turn the board, how to end the ride and then we hit the water. He was pretty cool when I messed up because he just told me to try again.

When we both got into the water it was amazing. He helped me pick the perfect wave, pop up and put my feet where they needed to go. Before I knew it I was surfing! Pat helped me get up the first six to eight waves and then he joined me on his own board.

Pat told me it was my time to conquer the waves. I was not sure that I was going to be able to do it without help, but sure enough I was. He told me which waves to catch, but after that it was all me and I was actually able to get up and get going. After a while we both totally warmed up to each other and started to just have different conversations.

Sadly the lesson was over before I knew it but even though the lesson was over I was still totally excited. I can not explain how it felt when I got up for my first time. All I can say is that it was amazing and like I was on top of the world. After having a lesson with Pat, I don't think that I would want anyone else as my instructor. I can guarantee

you one thing; this is definitely a beginning to one of my favorite hobbies and a new love in my life.

I would definitely recommend taking a surf lesson with Pat because with Pat you learn all the safety requirements, needed techniques and to top it off, have the time of your life. He took me to the water and with in moments, my fear of “what ifs” were gone and he brought me to a new and exciting life adventure.