



A friend asked me the other day, "what's the coolest place you have ever been?" I had only one answer...Plummer's lodge on Great Slave Lake. I had heard about this place for years from my Uncle Fred. He kept asking my brother Greg and I to come up North to the Arctic Circle and fish.

I wouldn't consider myself a great fisherman; in all honesty I was awful! So I thought I would probably rather spend 2 weeks of my short summer doing something other than fishing. Little did I know fishing was just the beginning of this heaven on earth. I agreed to the trip only after I was talking to my three little cousins, Freddy, Jeffrey and Nicholas, all who had been multiple times. I asked them an obvious question..."What trip do they like best? Tropical paradise in St. Thomas, Skiing in Vail, or Fishing in the Arctic?" To my surprise all three said right away, almost mad at me that I even asked, "Fishing in the Arctic!" That sealed the deal for me. My brother Greg and I were on the first flight to Great Slave.

This place was beyond anything I could have expected and we have gone each of the past three summers. I have seen everything from bears, moose and wolves, to bald eagles soaring overhead looking for the same fish we were on the hunt for! Riding on the boats to the "secret" fishing spots, looking at the sprawling granite cliffs and wondering if I will be the one to land a forty pounder that day...there's nothing better in the world.

The best part of this trip is the people and the relationships we have developed, both with other guests and the Plummer's Staff. It is impossible for me to put these relationships into words. The staff are some of the nicest most genuine people I have met

my entire life. I think about these people and the environment at Plummer's on a daily basis. I count the days till I will be stepping off that plane on the gravel runway, in the middle of the wilderness seeing Grant at the bottom of the stairs with a giant grin on his face...And remember what I said about being an awful fisherman? Well I've only had the biggest fish in the Potter group all three years! Bring it on boys! -Chris Collins