

# Erik Robinson

Age 12

January 27, 1998 -

April 21, 2010

Santa Monica, California



Erik's boundless love changed my life in ways that I never knew possible. With his huge, enthusiastic personality, he loved life and lived it every day to its fullest. An avid athlete (primarily baseball) and Boy Scout; he dreamed of going to West Point and to be of service to his country. Friends aptly described him: "army clothes + manly voice + Beatles music + energy + exploration + adventure + focus + sunglasses + helpfulness = ERIK." Some of his favorite expressions were: "Hey man, guess what?" "Go Yankees!!!!" "Take one for the team" "Give me my shades" "Sir, yes Sir!" "Dude!" "Too much information" "Guys, guys, guys!" and "Peace"

The investigators determined that Erik's first exposure to the choking game was during school the day before he tried it at home ... making a tragic, dumb mistake because he didn't know it was dangerous and we didn't know about it to warn him. One of his best friends said it aptly: "Even smart, strong kids can make dumb choices with deadly consequences." I miss his smiling face, beautiful laugh and incredible wit every single day.

Learn more about Erik as well as our educational prevention program at:

<http://www.erikscause.org>

