

To the Youth Activities Manager:

In that this is our 4th Disney cruise, we thought we knew what to expect. However, this time our son, Joe (now 15 years old) was eligible to attend the Vibe. Since stepping onboard, we've seen very little of him. That's fine with us. We want him to enjoy his trip as he sees best.

The Vibe seems to be the place that makes him the happiest. Since he's seen most of the Disney Theatre performances from past cruises, we never pressured him to join us. Glad for that. He always prefers to be at the Vibe, even over the stage shows.

He tells me that there are four counselors there - Adam and three other women. Sorry I don't know their names, but I'm sure they know him and he knows them. I've called up to the Vibe a few times looking for Joe. They all seem to know him by name. He speaks very little about what goes on there, and usually doesn't speak about the other kids. But, at times, I've witnessed several other youth, including a few girls, spotting him on board and they greet him with a "Hi, Joe." At 15 he still blushes a bit with greeting from the girls - at least in our presence. I expect he's really much more relaxed in the Vibe atmosphere.

Often he returned to the cabin after midnight. One night he came in at 3:15 am. We weren't concerned. After all, what could go wrong on board the Magic?

When asked what he was up to, he simply replied, "I stayed in the Vibe until it closed and then went up to the D Lounge to hang out with some of the guys." Perhaps 15 year old boys have a code - What goes on in the Vibe, stays in the Vibe. Whatever it is, my wife and I are very thankful that the Vibe staff made this a memorable experience for Joe. In his words, it is the counselors that make all the difference.

Please pass along my compliments. You've got some real gems working up there.

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