

My name is Kierce Thompson and I am 11 years old. I am in sixth grade and currently enrolled into a private special ed school. I am diagnosed with Autism, ADHD, anxiety, Diabetes Type 1 and a rare Metabolic Disease. I have been in and out of the hospital since I was two years old. I am a huge lover of the outdoors and I've been fishing for four years now. I am known as SensoryAngler and I love showing off my catches on my instagram. I go fishing at least four times a week. Besides basketball, fishing is my only interest. On Christmas Day I caught a 20lb Carp. My Proposed adventure is something I have been wanting to do for over three years now. I want to fish in the Florida keys/Miami area and catch a Peacock Bass. That is my dream. I propose taking a RV down to Florida (a 15 hour drive from Maryland) and stopping along the way to fish in all the different states we would be going through (VA,NC,SC and GA.) A two week fishing excursion if you will. Sounds like a dream come true. I am very educated when it comes to fishing and the laws. I know all the species and how to handle them. I study fish a lot. I love visiting local tackle shops and talking to the men there about what everyone has been catching that week and what not. This adventure would mean everything to me. A month ago I was hospitalized and diagnosed with Diabetes Type 1. I've had a rough time especially since it interferes with my metabolic disease but I know a fishing trip will help my spirit soar. As you know, Diabetes supplies are expensive so while my mom was saving up to take me to Florida this summer, my health changed her plans. She had to stop working and take care of me full time. She also added this extra bill with the diabetes supplies that I need monthly. I hope you pick me for this opportunity, I promise to work hard and enjoy this adventure to the fullest. I'll make sure to catch all the fish that I can and soak up all the nature Florida has to offer. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kierce