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# **MIDWESTCORE**

## MY Very Midwestcore<sup>TM</sup> break

There is something about being from the Midwest that just tickles my pickle, some sort of joi de vie that really gets me up in the morning, kinda like a strong cuppa joe and a fresh baked kringle. Nowhere was this more noticeable to me than my experiences over break, which I feel epitomized my existence as an upper-middle class midwestern/great lakes suburban boy. Here are some of my favorites:

## A trip to the Big City!!!

No vacation will be complete without staying a night or two in the big city where you can pretend to be a tourist even though your parents probably go there almost every day for work. For me the big city is Chicago, where you can do such fun things as: get stuck in lower lower wacker drive, ooh and aah at fireworks over the river, spit on the bean (fuck Anish Kapoor), and make fun of all the stupid tourists who eat Chicago style food (Hot dogs, deep dish pizza, Chicago mix popcorn) while simultaneously eating aforementioned food.



Editor's Note: Learning about new cities can be difficult sometimes! Let's start by trying to nail the pronunciation of this Windy City, just like a local. Now try it with me, Shi-Caw-Go! Am I from Chicago? Hell no! So don't even listen to me...

#### Thanksgiving Dinner

Now there is no such thing as a Midwest thanksgiving without at least one casserole and one salad that is not a salad. My family's favorites are green bean casserole (Please note that some people on staff dislike green bean casserole. They are wrong and the Midwest disowns them) and what we call "Grandma's Green Jello" a weird combination of Ambrosia, Watergate Salad, and sour cream, that though gross sounding is one of the best things to ever pass between these lips of mine.

## Menards.

Real Midwesterners know that the Midwest pride flag is yellow, orange, and maroon. There is no debate. Menards is the best place in the Midwest for hot young college students to hang out, whether it's falling asleep in overstuffed recliners, dancing to Pachelbel's Canon in D in the lumber aisle, or sprinting by the outdoor lighting fixtures to try to get them to turn on the possibilities for fun are endless in a Menards. One of my favorite things to do is to plan for the zombie apocalypse (the elevated wooden platforms in the shingle section form a natural chokepoint that would be perfect for defending your base)





Editor's Note: If you ever want to see just a little bit of everything but never exactly what you need! Menards is the place for you!

## **Driving**

You gotta get to menards somehow.

-William Kelsey, Voyager

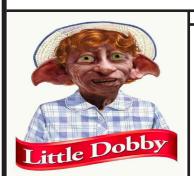
## ANIMALS THAT DEEPLY DISTURB THE SOUL

- **1.** Caecilians. They're giant worms with teeth I think. So bad!
- **2.** *Lamprey.* F you so hard
- 3. Northern Star gazer. Beautiful name, horrific face
- 4. Goblin shark. Watttttt the hell!
- **5.** Frilled shark. Imagine thousands of tiny teeth that look like toothbrush bristles uh yuppp
- **6.** *Babriusa*. Hey imagine a terrifying wild hog with long tusks that could kill you . Ok cool now imagine that but with a second set of tusks like a rhino.
- **7.** *Giant isopod.* Ok honestly I think these guys are just the cutest but I guess SOME people don't like their rolly pollys poodle size (I do )
- **8.** Amazonian Giant centipede. I had a nightmare about this one where one of my roommates tossed it into my bed and i couldn't find it.
- **9.** Silverfish. I will kill all fucking silverfish with my Febreeze can.
- **10.** *Viper dog fish* .....
- 11. Sandworms. YES they're real and they bite
- **12.** Rat Tail Maggot Larvae. kill me now

-Ellie Schrader, Not a Bug Connoisseur?



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