MR DUDE - I AM VERY PROUD of your desire to set a goal and work towards it. That is an incredibly mature way to approach life. Set a goal and find a way to make it happen. I believe in you and your abilities to achieve whatever dreams you have. I am sorry my reaction was focused more on your spending. I do not understand why you just can't be content with what you have. Why for most of your life you've always wanted more and more and more. Perhaps that's something about you that you can help me understand on another day.

But again I'm sorry it made you feel like you shouldn't bother sharing. We love that you share your life and your thoughts and ideas with us. As a parent it's a constant battle trying to support and guide your child, while at the same time trying to impart my own lessons from my life wisdom and experience. I have a good idea of what's coming in your future in terms of financial obligations. But I admit I can't predict anything with perfect accuracy. And as you become a young adult, I have to accept that you're thinking more independently now. So there are times when I suppose I just have to take a back seat. I have to turn off my 'dad' brain and stop trying to teach you ... instead just letting you find your own way. It's another challenge as a parent that gets harder as your child enters the adult realm. But I promise to continue working on it.

That said, I want to help you achieve your goals. Because I truly do believe in you and want to support you. So I thought maybe this visual will help. Currently there are 6 more weekends available for work at the maze. With the potential to work 3 days most weekends. So that brings us to 17 days of potential work:



- Now, you said you didn't want to work this Friday and Saturday. So Sept 29 and $30^{\text {th }}$ are out.
- Oct $7^{\text {th }}$ you want to the thing with Mike. So we'll count that as maybe a half day if you decide to do work at all.
- I will be working Optimus on Oct $14^{\text {th }}$, same weekend mommy is away. So that day is out since you'll have to be w/me.
- We have to factor in the potential for bad weather cancellations. So on the low end, let's remove 2 days for that.

With the above factors in mind, that brings us down to a potential of 11.5 days of work.

Next, I looked at their website to see exactly the hours they will be open. So I want to break down the hours for you each day, to give a better estimate of how much you'll likely earn (these include the earlier arrival time and later cleanup / departure time each day), but again are just estimates:


## ** I CROSSED OUT TWO RANDOM DAYS ASSUMING WEATHER WILL CLOSE THE MAZE**

If we were to add up all of the hours above that aren't crossed out, that'll yield a total of 113 working hours. If we are not rained out at all, we'll get an extra 16 hours on top of that. So doing the math:

- $\quad 113$ hours $x$ approx $\$ 12.00$ per hour $=\$ 1356.00$
- If we get those extra 16 hours (no rain), that's another \$192.00
- TOTAL potential income if everything goes well = \$1,548.00

And just so you have it, currently you owe mommy and I \$257.00.

In closing, the above is simply for reference. I'm not trying to do anything except help you reach your goals. In life, doing visuals like these on occasion is necessary to map out that plan with realistic expectations. So I hope this helps you.

I am here for you. I love you. And I'm proud of you. ()

