

## *The Coppers 2010*

Ho, ho, ho,  
Ready to go  
Get into the flow  
And I'll get you in the (Copper) know

Let's start with our immediate kin  
Specifically our two children  
J.T. will be first  
On ESPN he was about to burst

El Salvador's world cup soccer team  
came to play  
That one February day  
J.T. escorted the players on to the pitch  
(i.e. field)  
Just because he was on National TV J.T.  
thinks he should get rich

The Rowdies are Tampa's new MLS  
soccer team  
Being a professional soccer player is  
J.T.'s dream  
Will he make it, we don't know but we  
have a confession  
He has to escort so many players on the  
field ... it's like his profession

At Disney's Wide World of Sports it was hot  
J.T. likes soccer a lot  
At the tournament there was no lip  
J.T.'s 3 v 3 soccer team got 5<sup>th</sup> in the  
national championship

Our little one though he would be out  
of sorts  
But finally tried a few other sports  
Flag football and basketball were the  
ticket  
He now does more with a ball than just  
kick it

At first we had our doubts  
But J.T. made it to Webelo's in scouts  
For the second time the Dad and Lad  
bake-off was won  
They did it with s'mores, 'cause making  
them was fun

Moving on... it was fate  
Zac went on his first date!  
On a 12 couple group mixture  
It made for quite the picture

Zac feels like he has arrived  
With his permit he can now drive  
In high school he is no fool  
He thinks he is Joe cool

For oh so long it took  
Now he is on facebook  
Let me tell you something honey  
Many of his posts are quite funny

After school Zac is found on the courts  
He plays so many sports  
Swimming, soccer, volleyball and track  
He comes home tired and that is a fact

For Zac it was a big year as a scout  
He had fun at the national jamboree there  
is no doubt  
An eagle scout he has become  
Which puts him on the highest rung

On the Appalachian Trail Zac and Jeff  
backpacked 105 miles  
When they were done they were all smiles  
The mountains in Tennessee were  
okey-dokey  
Jeff saw a bear holly smoky!

On a field trip at school Zac went to  
New York City  
The fact Jeff and Brenda couldn't go  
was a pity  
All around Manhattan Island Zac ran  
To see everything as fast as he can

During the summer Zac has quite a gig  
Did we tell you Zac was quite big  
As a camp counselor he is in high  
demand  
Next year big dollars he will command

It wouldn't be a poem without  
commenting on our traditions  
Jeff went to two Jimmy Buffett concerts  
with permission  
On the radio the Rib Off was broadcast live  
It was a great day to be alive

Last years bake off is now history  
We will now remove the mystery  
A few of our friends did scoff  
But we chose to take the year off

Last winter it was so freeing  
The Copper family all went skiing  
The boys did not boo hoo  
When we got snowed in at Snowshoe

Last Christmas we spent with Uncle Chip  
When sledding J.T. did a back flip  
Our dog peed on the carpet which was  
a crime  
Other than that we all had a good time

In June there was some hesitation  
Before Jeff committed to radiation  
For six weeks he was nuked  
To the point he had to puke

Neck cancer was the issue  
That had spread through Jeff's tissue  
Treatment has now ended  
The doctors should be commended

Jeff's parents moved in while he tried  
to recover  
It's great to have a dad and a mother  
Shuttling kids around was such a chore  
We begged them to stay longer for more

Brenda was glad  
When she got her new iPad  
She is becoming very well read  
As she uses it to surf the net while in bed

We went to Myrtle Beach for some putt-putt  
To get out of our rut  
In the sun we did not bake  
We were there for spring break

Because of Jeff's illness we were  
stressed out to the max  
Brenda and Jeff went to Marco Island to relax  
We did our very best  
All we did was just rest

That is the Copper's year in review  
Documented here just for you  
There were times to laugh and to cry  
To the year 2010 we say good-bye

In the end here is what we learned  
We will all end up in an urn  
So pause and live life with a smile  
And take the time to live life like a child

*Happy Holidays • The Coppers*  
*(Brenda, Jeff, Zac, J.T., and Chance)*  
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