



CROMAR FAMILY • 2011

•• The Cromar Family has loved living in Illinois for another year. We have great friends here and we have loved the snow and sledding. •• The first two years of law school were best described as a sprint during the semester, ramping up speed through finals, followed by a sudden break and then immediately going back to sprinting through the next semester. Luckily, the fall 2011 semester has been more of a leisurely jog. •• Law school summers have been the best: we have had jobs that paid well and gave Scott great experience in patent law, and we have had the evenings free to enjoy being back in California. •• This past summer Scott learned to surf, braving the cold ocean at 5am, while Cat and the kids slept in. •• Catherine played second base and pitcher on the law school's LDS softball team, and trained for and ran a half marathon. (Okay, okay, that was in 2010 when Catherine was *not* pregnant, but we never got around to writing a 2010 family newsletter, and Catherine was really looking forward to writing something non-kid-related.) •• Catherine has really come to enjoy teaching the kids preschool at home and with groups of friends. •• The one thing that would improve life for Catherine would be the ability for her brain to process three simultaneous conversations. •• As the kids have gotten older, our house has become more of a campground, bike race track, obstacle course, and gym. •• Andrew has become a great scholar this year. He loves any form of school. •• He can write his name forwards, backwards, and even mirrored. •• He also learned to ride a two wheel bike in only 20 minutes. •• Every morning he lets Mommy and Daddy sleep in and helps himself to breakfast. He even pours cereal and milk, or makes instant oatmeal, for Zana and Elira. •• Zana and Elira love going swimming with Daddy, singing songs, and dancing. •• None of the kids can wear an outfit for longer than an hour, though there is a definite preference towards jammies. •• The girls really love to help Mommy. They earn a quarter for unloading the silverware and plastic dishes, or for unloading the dryer. •• Our new baby Miles weighed in at 7 lbs 10 oz, making him our biggest yet. Although, the combined weight of the twins was 12 lbs 14 oz, which should count for something. •• Miles is a sweet guy who sleeps a lot, and seems to enjoy the noisiness of the other kids. •• We love him and hope he likes our family. •• And that was the year we became a family of six! •• We wish you all a happy Christmas and new year! ••

