

Our Summer Vacations

The Beacon asked Andover students to write a bit about their summer vacations. Here's the final installment of the many we received.

By Haley Adams

During my summer vacation I went to Wyldlife Camp for the first time! It wasn't what I expected; it was better! There were all kinds of activities, like the zip line, which was really high up but you landed in water when you came down it.

The worst part about it was that thunder started so I couldn't go down it, and I had to sign up again.

The best part about it was when I went down the zip line! The goose bumps start marching their way down my back, the cool breeze blowing on my face. But when I hit the water it all flew away like a bird flying to the sky. I went on a zip line before, but it was nothing like this one.

By Sam Barrett

My summer consisted of a lot of things, but I am going to write about when I went to Boston to visit my mom's friend, Melissa. We went to a zoo that had giraffes and many other animals from other continents around the world. They also had an anaconda that will haunt my dreams forever.

After that we went to a Mongolian restaurant. I had steak, pork, calamari, mandarin oranges, and all sorts of food I didn't recognize. The next day we went to a museum that crammed in so much you wouldn't think it was a museum! There were all sorts of cool stuff made by the same person. There was a face that made different expressions and talked.

For lunch we went to Bartley's Burgers. Their shakes were voted the best in Boston, and their burgers were voted the best in the USA! The place was so jammed, we were tucked into a corner with another family!

Afterwards, we went back to Melissa's apartment, packed our bags, said thank you, and left. My mom and my brother and I had a great time in Boston and look forward to going back again!

By Trenton Bonk

Over my summer vacation a lot of things happened to me. My favorite event that happened was that I had my birthday and got a couple of presents. I have been playing basketball over my summer with my basketball hoop I got for my birthday. It wasn't that hot this summer; it was colder than usual.

I have been teaching my little brother how to play basketball. We were spending most of our time outside riding our bikes. Sometimes I invited my friends over to my house over summer vacation. It's hard to play basketball if you can't run for a long time because you have to run up and down the court.

Another sport that I like to play is tennis during the summer. Unfortunately, I didn't get to play much over the summer, but at least I played it. To

me tennis is an interesting sport to play; other sports are interesting too! So I would have to say that tennis is my favorite sport of all time.

By Jake Hubbard

"Jump, jump, jump!" shouted my parents.

I stared over the horizon and stepped forward. The wind howled like a hungry wolf, licking my body. Then, BANG! It felt as though I hit a cold brick wall! I bobbed up to the surface; everyone was cheering as I swam to shore. After two days of debating, I jumped off the bridge.

I was at Cape Neddick campground and had just jumped off a bridge into ocean water. It was the greatest day of my life!

By Monica Newton

I do a soft kiss, and off he goes. Around the ring once, and twice.

"Whoa!" I say to him. My saddle hurt my legs. I forgot my riding pants and was wearing jeans. I made my horse walk around the ring once so he could calm down.

I'd just learned how to canter on him, and I loved it. It was hot, so I dismounted and walked him in. When I took off his saddle, there was sweat dripping off of him. I took off his bridle and called his name. "River!" He perked his ears and took a step toward me, sniffing for a treat. "Alright! Alright!" I told him, and pulled out a carrot from my back pocket. He took it from my hand and looked satisfied.

I heard a whinny, more whines and fast heavy footsteps. I ran out of the barn and saw three horses running around the two-horse pasture. Rose! She was supposed to be in with the five-horse pasture. I ran in the house to tell Alison. She told me to get some grain. I did, and she went up the hill with it. It made me shiver with Rose bucking, kicking and galloping around the pasture.

After Alison got Rose out of there and where she belonged, she took Sivad, Danielle's horse, out and noticed a big dent in his neck. We hosed him off, and put him in his stall. I heard a soft whinny and remembered I hadn't put River away! I turned the corner and found him pawing at the floor. Of course, he was looking for attention and a treat!

By Seth Newton

My vacation was cool. I got a cat and two frogs. Pharaoh is my cat's name. She is about six weeks old. She was found in a bush. She has black fur and yellow eyes. Nathan gave her some toys to play with. Her favorite toy to play with is a heavy ball.

Nathan took me to Cold Springs Camp Resort for three days. We went swimming in the pool, played shuffleboard, and played video games in the arcade. There was a hay bale ride too. We got to see the whole camp.

By Skyler Smith

Over the summer vacation I went
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