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IT'S BEACH TIME

HOLIDAY IN THE SUN

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ON THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME, Avalon Lux-Offermann, 07, traveled with her mom and her seven year old sister to the Cayman Islands for the first time over the summer.

"Every year my mom likes to travel somewhere new, and she loves the Bahamas, so we went to the Cayman Islands," Lux-Offermann said.

Lux-Offermann packed in as many activities as possible on the trip.

"We snorkeled, hung out at the beach and we even got to see and hold baby sea turtles," Lux-Offermann said.

For Lux-Offermann, encountering wildlife at the rescue center proved memorable.

"Seeing the sea turtles was probably the highlight of my trip. They were so pretty and I loved being able to experience something I have never done before by holding them. The absolute best part of my trip was being able to interact and have fun at the rescue center. I also loved going to the beach. This trip was the best part of my summer," Lux-Offermann said.

While the trip was an amazing experience for Lux-Offermann, the island was crowded.

"It was very beautiful there, but the islands were a lot more populated than my mom and I expected. Other than that, the trip was absolutely amazing," Lux-Offermann said.

HALF THE FUN IS GOING THERE

While Colorado has much to offer for vacationers on summer break, Pumas boarded flights and headed to far-off destinations for fun in the sun.



ADVENTURE BOUND IN PINT SIZED BELIZE Traveling to Central America, Maya Winger, 06, journeyed to Belize for its jungles, reefs and culture. "I went to Belize to try something new and leave the country," Winger said. Winger traveled with her mom, aunt and her sister. While there, Winger enjoyed many outdoor activities, including fishing, snorkeling and visiting the mysterious Mayan ruins. "It was really cool to see the Mayan ruins; I have never seen anything like it before," Winger said. *photo courtesy of m. winger*



THE WIZARDING WORLD OF HARRY POTTER During the summer, Mr. Eric Teruel, science, vacationed at Universal Studios in California with his wife and two children. Even though Teruel's children were too young to go on all of the rides, they enjoyed all Universal Studios had to offer. "We went because my son had read a few of the Harry Potter books and we love California," Teruel said. *photo courtesy of e. teruel*

TOP DESTINATION FOR CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

EXPLORING THE LOCAL TRADITIONS AND THE EXOTIC SITES OF A COUNTRY KNOWN AS THE LAND OF SMILES

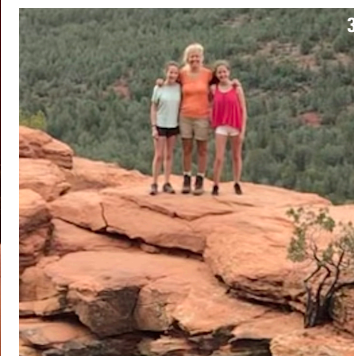
FOR THE SECOND TIME IN HER THIRTEEN YEARS, Zenaida Benavides, 08, traveled to Bangkok, the capital city of Thailand, to visit family and friends over the summer. Benavides went siteseeing with her mom and toured the ancient ruins and ornate temples. While there, Benavides participated in an age old, local tradition. "One of my favorite things I did when I was in Bangkok was I got a henna tattoo, which is made from plants," Benavides said. Known for its vibrant street life, Bangkok was bustling with street vendors, who not only sold souvenirs, but odd products as well. "There were actually people selling laughing gas, and people were testing it. It was really weird, but funny," Benavides said.



1. FAMOUS FOR ITS TEMPLES, Thailand is a country rich in history, with 33,902 temples. Zenaida Benavides, 08, visited various historic landmarks while vacationing there. "All of the temples were really cool; I really enjoyed seeing them. I had so much fun looking around the city of Thailand and learning about it," Benavides said. *photo courtesy of z. benavides* **2. NO STRANGER TO FOREIGN LANDS**, Benavides, who was raised in the city of Taiwan, visits Bangkok once again with her mom. "This was my second time visiting, but I don't remember a lot from the first trip," Benavides said. *photo courtesy of z. benavides* **3. DEVELOPING HER CULINARY SKILLS**, Benavides takes a cooking class and learns more about the local cuisine while in Bangkok. An avid chef, baking is one of Benavides' hobbies. "The class was very fun. I really enjoyed learning about the different types of food. The food was different, but I really liked it," Benavides said. *photo courtesy of z. benavides*

INTO THE GREAT OUTDOORS

EVERY YEAR, Sarah Donohue, 07, takes a trip to New Jersey to visit family. Donohue also vacations somewhere new each year. This summer, Donohue vacationed in Antelope Canyon in Arizona. "Antelope Canyon was by far the most beautiful trip I've ever been on," Donohue said.



1. A VIEW FROM BELOW, Sarah Donohue, 07, marvels at the rock formations in Antelope Canyon on her summer trip. "I would say the lower part of Antelope Canyon is more beautiful. I liked the lower part more because it was warmer and was just so beautiful to look at," Donohue said. **2. BRAVING THE WAVES**, Sarah Donohue surfs in the Atlantic Ocean. "Every year, we go to New Jersey for two weeks to see my cousins," Donohue said.

3. CLIMBING TO THE ZENITH, Donohue and family hike in Antelope Canyon. "We went to the top and the bottom. The top was a little more dark, but it was still really cool," Donohue said. *photos courtesy of s. donohue*

THE TIME OF OUR LIVES

photo courtesy of a. boillot "My parents and I went mountain biking over the summer. It was super fun. The only problem was that it was really hot out. My parents and I found a lake, so I dipped my head in the water."

AIDEN BOILLOT, 07 "I went to an old ghost town in St. Avalon; it was a six day camp with my church. I liked hiking Mount Antero. The scariest part of my trip was I almost fell off a cliff." *photo courtesy of w. dix*

WARREN DIX, 08 "We did a camp called iCan Bike. It's where we help disabled kids bike on two wheeled bikes. My favorite part was when they all started to ride the two wheeled bike." *photo courtesy of m. meale*

MATTEO MEALE, 08 "When we did the iCan Bike Camp, it was really cool when all of the kids started to bike on their own. I was really happy to help and I had a great time doing it." *photo courtesy of c. meale*

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WERE GOING TO FARAWAY PLACES STUDENT LIFE

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM VACATION AND EXPLAIN WHY?

"Probably Italy because I like the culture and cool cars." KELLEN ERDMAN, 06

"I would love to go to Europe on my dream vacation because I went there when I was little." ASHLEY SEAVALL, 07

"I would love to go to Dubai and explore the city and learn about their culture." GEORGE BULL, 08

"My dream vacation is Alaska because my husband has never been there." MRS. JODEE DURBIN, ATTENDANCE

"I want to go to Hawaii because I've never been and it seems really pretty." CARTER LIPS, 06

"I think going to Brazil would be awesome because the trees are beautiful there." WILLIAM TOBER, 07

"My dream vacation is Australia. I have never been, but I hear it's very nice." CHANCE MEILL, 08

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