



WHAT WE'VE WAITED FOR,  
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**RIDE ON.** Sam Smith (6) bikes through Golden, Colorado with the summer bike club. Smith enjoys riding long distances, and bike club was a way that he could ride longer distances than he does at home. "It was pretty fun jumping around and stuff like that," Smith said.

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**COW-ABUNGA, DUDE.** Over the summer, Parker Kelly (7) visits his family's farm in Nevada, Colorado.

"We had two baby calves get out, and we had to fix the fence," Kelly said. His job was to distract the cows by feeding them so the others could fix the broken fence.

**BOOGIE WOOGIE.** Carson Hologa (7) boogie boards in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. On that trip, he vacationed with friends. "It was nice to hang out with my friend outside of Colorado," Hologa said.

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The ups and downs of the first summer post COVID lockdown

People entered the first summer post COVID lock down with hesitant excitement. They took off masks, some even throwing them away, and booked airfare tickets. Then came word of "the delta variant," rumored to be more dangerous and contagious than the original virus. It maybe shouldn't have come as a surprise that when the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo were finally broadcast in 2021, audiences ended up sympathizing with lead gymnast Simone Biles who had to withdraw from events with a case of the "twisties." After all, everything

seemed twisted and changeable these days, but, like her, we pressed on, doing what we could. We saw friends and family and started eating at restaurants again, even under hazy skies as the western United States suffered another season of horrific wildfires. The last year and a half taught us that life keeps moving, even when it's hard. So we watched the "Friends Reunion" and the "Free Britney Movement" and found our own ways to be happy because summer was happening after all, and we had been waiting.