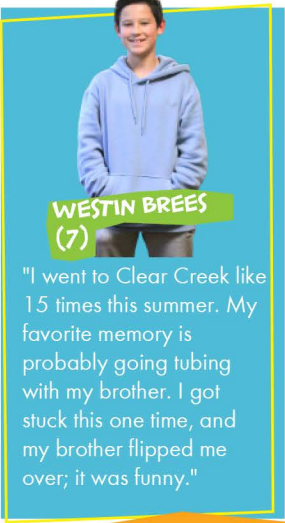




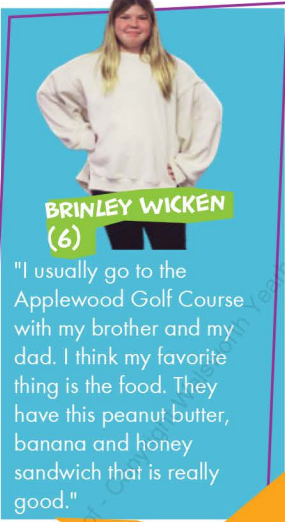
ZACH PAVOL (7)

"My favorite part of the Golden Bike Park is doing jumps, loops and switchbacks. I've been there a lot of times before."



WESTIN BREES (7)

"I went to Clear Creek like 15 times this summer. My favorite memory is probably going tubing with my brother. I got stuck this one time, and my brother flipped me over; it was funny."



BRINLEY WICKEN (6)

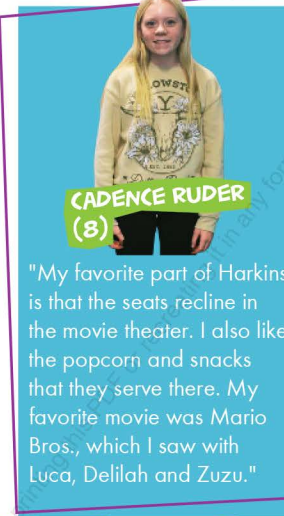
"I usually go to the Applewood Golf Course with my brother and my dad. I think my favorite thing is the food. They have this peanut butter, banana and honey sandwich that is really good."



Exploring local hangouts, Dragons make summer memories close to home.

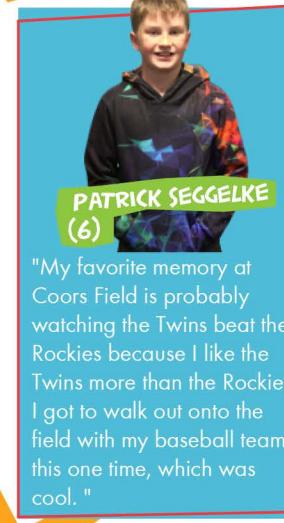
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# AROUND TOWN



CADENCE RUDER (8)

"My favorite part of Harkins is that the seats recline in the movie theater. I also like the popcorn and snacks that they serve there. My favorite movie was Mario Bros., which I saw with Luca, Delilah and Zuzu."



PATRICK SEGSELKE (6)

"My favorite memory at Coors Field is probably watching the Twins beat the Rockies because I like the Twins more than the Rockies. I got to walk out onto the field with my baseball team this one time, which was cool."



SOPHIE SPRENGER (7)

"My favorite part of Meow Wolf is that it is made by hand, by a bunch of people and artists, and they have a lot of cool things there. I also really liked when you could walk around this big tower because it's like an animal."

Summer. It's easy to picture beaches and drinks with tiny umbrellas in them, but far away travel isn't always the best part of the summer. For some students, hanging around Colorado was just as good as vacationing across the country. So what were the best spots around Arvada? As it turns out, there were quite a few.

"When we went to Clear Creek we mostly just went tubing, and then we would go to the park so that my sisters could play," Westin Brees (7) said. You might expect tubing and outdoors to be on

the top of the list for Coloradans, but Dragons had a great time indoors as well.

"I think that the weirdest thing about Meow Wolf is that you can see a bunch of people walking around and the whole place is so abnormal, so it is weird to see normal things happening," Sofie Sprenger (7) said.

So the next time you're sitting at home bored over summer break, remember that Colorado is not just a winter wonderland, it's also a summer sensation. Get out there and explore.