

My Summer Vacation in the American West

My vacation this year was very exciting. I went on a trip with my mother and father to Colorado and Wyoming. The first thing I did during my summer vacation was to attend a Renaissance Festival in Colorado Springs. The festival included medieval games, music, and food. There were also costumed performers. The games included chess, jousting, and medicine ball. Everywhere we went there were performers singing or playing guitars and recorders. There were many different kinds of food available but I liked my turkey leg the best. The leg was so large that it covered half of my face when I tried to eat it. It was lots of fun to eat the food with my hands instead of using a fork. I would like to visit a renaissance fair again some day.

The next exciting event during my summer vacation was to camp in Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. There are many high mountain peaks in this national park. You can also find beautiful lakes, streams, and waterfalls. The mountains are so high that there is snow on the peaks all year. On June 22nd there was still a wall of snow over ten feet high. Many animals live in the mountains. We saw mountain goats and big horn sheep. I liked hiking the mountain trails up to the lakes. The lakes were clear and cold. Emerald Lake was still partly frozen and Dream Lake had snow around its banks. That was a cold hike but I will never forget those beautiful lakes.

The last part of my summer vacation I toured Yellowstone National Park. This park has something for everyone. I saw forests, mountains, waterfalls, hot springs, geysers, and buffalo. The geysers are great to watch. Old Faithful erupts everyday around the same time. However, many of the geysers only erupt every few years. My favorite experience in Yellowstone was watching the buffalo. One humongous buffalo followed our car right down the middle of the road. This buffalo was taller than the top of the car. He had a shaggy coat and there was steam coming off his back. It was very exciting to be so close to such a huge buffalo.

As you can tell, my summer vacation was terrific! Colorado and Wyoming have all kinds of beautiful scenery. I enjoyed every view and took lots of pictures. The weather was cool even though it was summer time so it was a perfect time to visit. This was a vacation I will always remember.