

# Summer survey results



In our last survey we asked this question: “What was the most fun or memorable part about this summer for you?” We learned that you – our readers – look forward to renewing family ties and connecting with friends, traveling, enjoying special occasions and more. Plus, the solar eclipse in August seemed to top things off!

Thank you for your engaging responses. Here are just a few:

- I always love spending time with my grandchildren. Having a cookout at the house, running around in the yard, watching them on the Slip-and-Slide, playing kick ball and football. Family quality time is the best time always!!
- I usually do not care much for summer--too hot and buggy; however, this summer was like having a second Spring season :)
- Experiencing the 2 minutes of totality during the solar eclipse with friends and their granddaughter, and seeing the grin on her face before totality when she turned to me and said, “It’s really getting dark!”
- Purchasing a travel trailer! I have enjoyed spending time with my family seeing beautiful scenery, tours, hikes at Niagara Falls, Antelope Canyon, Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park.
- My favorite memories from this summer will always be the numerous weddings of friends and loved ones that I was able to attend and be part of!
- I went to Croatia - no further explanation needed about why it’s the most memorable part!
- The best part of my summer was having the grandchildren for a while. Playing outside with them, taking them for ice cream, and having photos made of them was such fun. We didn’t take a vacation, but did spend July 4th at the lake.
- Going to Siesta Key Florida with my husband, daughter and son-in-law, and of course my grandchildren, great memories and beautiful location!
- The most fun part of this summer was the three weeks my daughter and I spent in Prince George, BC as wildfire evacuees. Thanks to the generosity of the city of Prince George, we were able to go swimming, bowling, to free community events, and get discounts at many different shops and restaurants. The best part was getting to spend one on one time with my daughter!
- Being at the beach with my whole family - my newly married eldest daughter & her young husband, my darling middle daughter & her fascination with photography, and most of all, my 5 year old son and his amazing perspective on the environment he dwells in, where everything is new, adventure awaits around every corner and our woes & cares are left behind.



- Every year my family looks forward to a week away with my best friend and her family. We travel to the beach and enjoy time together or even in solitude. We decide as individuals or as a group as each day unfolds; no plans, that's the only rule. Our time over the years has allowed us to watch our children become adults and still remain our children. We've been blessed with these moments in our lives. Moments which provide us beautiful memories to cherish. Life is precious and too short to waste. This trip is our opportunity to recharge and reflect on all we are thankful for and all we have to look forward to in years to come. Every day can be a roller coaster of events and emotions and through it all my best buddy (since the 6th grade) has shared it with me. This is just a little thank you to her. For me, the beach shows we are all gifted with a sunrise so we can begin each day with a renewed purpose to do what we can to make a difference for ourselves and others. As I watch the sun set, it gives me the gift of being content and at peace in the moment. The waves, and their dance over the sand, show me there is always change. If you look close enough, those changes can deliver little trinkets of joy for you and those you love. Sometimes waves, in their beauty and strength, they knock us down just like events in our lives. They come out of nowhere and leave us breathless. That's when you reach out and find the hand of your friend. Together you stand and seek the shore. Safe again and laughing.

- Having my three grandchildren visit me and giving them any and everything they want, having them tell me: I'm the best Mimi EVER! Waking up every morning to little feet and hands for 1-week and enjoying every moment of it! WHAT A BLESSING! Oh how I miss those little guys and can't wait until next summer!
- Driving to the middle of Idaho to be in the path of totality for the solar eclipse.
- The most memorable part of my summer was spending a week in Antigua, Guatemala for a Spanish language immersion experience. I had only planned it a week prior to going and was so glad I did. It was amazing to learn about and be part of other cultural traditions. Now I want to make it an annual experience.
- Overall, doing fun things with my friends, like going to the beach, weekends at shore and mountains, seeing shows together and just hanging out and catching up on each others' lives. But the most memorable part was adopting our rescue pup and watching her respond to our love and giving us her affection in return.

Thank you for all your responses. We look forward to hearing from you in our next survey!