



FAMILIAL TIES

Sophomore **Joshua Tang** visited relatives in Hong Kong, China over the summer. "I spent three weeks meandering the busy streets of Hong Kong," Tang said. "For our first few days, we stayed at a campsite on the beach. We were surrounded by an endless horizon and a lush green mountain range." *Photo courtesy of Joshua Tang.*

SWISS AND TELL

Over the summer, juniors **Gillian McDonald, Lauren Carroll, Victoria Cherico, Claire Nelson, Nikhil Joyce** and sophomore **Koehler Vandament** hiked through the Swiss Alps. McDonald is pictured at the Aletsch Glacier. "The trip was life-changing," McDonald said. "We hiked through so many gorgeous places, about 12 miles a day." *Photo courtesy of Gillian McDonald.*



ISLAND LIVING

Junior **Claren Moyers** worked at Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island in California over the summer. "Working at Emerald Bay was one of the most memorable experiences of my life," Moyers said. "The island is so beautiful, and the people there are great," Moyers said she plans to work there again next summer. *Photo courtesy of Claren Moyers.*

For many teenagers, the typical summer involves working as a lifeguard, avoiding summer homework, binge watching Netflix and a family vacation.

But for seniors **Samantha White** and **Addy Hernandez**, this past summer was anything but ordinary: White and Hernandez visited India this past summer.

"We went on an 18 day trip to McLeod Ganj and Bala," White said. "We really got to see all of India. We drove through the big cities and we stayed in the Himalayas, which is mainly rural farms."

The pair went on the trip with a program called Rustic Pathways, which White learned about on social media. While there, they stayed with local families and did activities ranging from hiking to teaching English to the locals.

"We worked with some Tibetan women on their English to help them get into school," White said. "I became really close with my partner. It was amazing getting to learn so much firsthand about their culture."

The duo also had a close run in with a famous figure, the Dalai Lama. They attended his 80th birthday party, along with thousands of others.

"The service was six hours long," Hernandez said. "We were sitting on the floor of his temple with a thousand monks. I don't think I've ever seen so many happy people in one room."

Both of the girls agreed that seeing the Dalai Lama was the most exciting part of their trip and something they will remember for the rest of their lives.

"The energy in the temple was just amazing," White said. "He's my role model in life."



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TRAVELING, VOLUNTEERING, WORKING