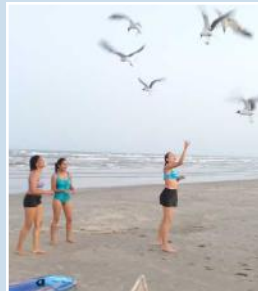


SIZZLIN' SUMMER



BEACH YOU TO IT: Happy to see close family friends, River and Raven Rutledge hand feed the birds on the beach in Corpus Christi. With full days of visiting the town and eating lunch on the beach, Raven's favorite memory was learning to boogie board. "Once we got the hang of it," Raven said, "it was fun and the water was refreshing." *Photo courtesy of Raven Rutledge*



1 DOWN, 4 MORE TO GO: After visiting five national parks including Zion, Canyon Lands, the Arches, Bryce Canyon and the Capital Reef National Parks the Russo triplets stop to take a picture in front of the Utah state sign. "I loved hiking in Zion and looking into the Canyon at Canyon Lands," Will said. "It was so cool to see the pretty lakes." *Photo courtesy of Bella Russo*



A REAL CLIFFHANGER: After hours of rock climbing, sophomore Emanuel Lozano spent time at Austin Bouldering Project. Lozano and his friends frequently visit rock-climbing places. "I hadn't done it in awhile," Lozano said. "But I was happy to do it again because I like the physical challenge." *Photo courtesy of Emanuel Lozano*



HOLD YOUR HORSES: Junior Kuper Zahn rides a horse at Rusty Spurr Ranch in Kremmling, Colo. With many years of experience riding horses, Zahn was able to conquer the two and a half hour trail. "I've been riding for so long," Zahn said. "This trail had such pretty scenery and more obedient horses." *Photo courtesy of Kuper Zahn*



COLORADO CATCHES: In between the mountains in Colorado, freshman Sam Duenas-Lujan and his family spent their time fly fishing. "Our guide surprised us with about an hour drive on four-wheelers to a small stream for fishing," Duenas said. *Photo courtesy of Catherine Lujan*

just keep TRAVELING

Knights prove nothing beats wide open spaces when you are looking for a COVID-safe summer vacation adventure

Campbell Race and Mati Currie (12)
Stone Harbor, N.J.

Rachel Plotkin (12)
Caromont Farm, Va.

"I went to squat down and get something and next thing I knew [these baby goats] were all coming at me. It was funny because my cousins had been struggling to get them to come to them prior to this [moment]."

Liam Kressin (12)
Lake Lure, N.C.

Kevin Dulong (9)
Hancock, Mich.

"We were sitting at a fishing channel. I can't choose a favorite memory because the whole trip was just overall fun. I didn't catch any fish but still enjoyed it."

Otto Strub (9)
South Padre

Andre Joseph (11)
Saint Louis Cathedral

Brock Davis (11)
University of Alabama

Bodhi Tripathi (12)
Maroon Bells Campsite

Lindsey Plotkin (12)
Lower Salmon River, Idaho

Hannah Zuniga (12)
Arches National Park

Qu'ran Gant (12)
Las Vegas

Daniel Brice (12)
Lake Tahoe

"We decided to take a break from the city and went out to the lake, and it was beautiful. The locals were super nice and we got to experience local culture."

Nye Geisler (11)
Grand Canyon National Park

Isai Villarreal-Pacheco (9)
Raton, N.M.

"We were making a drive to Colorado and happened to pass through Raton, N.M., where we saw the start of first snow."

"This year I rediscovered my passion for running. Instead of being confined to my house in the pandemic, I've gotten out bright and early every single morning and gone to practice. I've been able to have a lot of success doing what I enjoy, and it gives me something to keep myself occupied with in these boring times." **Thomas Melina Raab (11)**



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