

## Summer Vacation

I'm pretty sure that everyone loves a good vacation. I used to go on lots of vacations with my family growing up. My parents were both teachers, so the best vacations were always in the summer time. We did not travel much during the winter. To this day, summer is my favorite season. The best season of the year is summer!

During the summer, the sun is shining high in the Pacific Northwest sky for longer hours of the day than any other season. Where I live, we get 16 hours of daylight in the summer compared to only 8.5 hours in the winter. Spring and fall each have around 12 hours of daylight as spring transitions to summer and fall transitions to winter. With more hours of sunshine, we get to have more fun!

More daylight means more outdoor activities! I love being able to sit outside and enjoy all that nature has to offer. I see and hear more birds and other animals in the summer. Plus, the smells that summer weather brings are enjoyable. Camping in the summer is way more fun also. With the longer days of sunlight come longer periods of time for the Earth to warm up. I would much rather it be warm outside than cold, wouldn't you?

Speaking of bringing more warmth, summer makes it the best time to cool off in a local swimming pool or lake. Now that I am adult, I take my own family to our family lake cabin at Priest Lake, ID. This lake is crystal clear and perfect for cooling down on those hot summer days. We swim, fish, and ride four-wheelers all day. And, with summer days being so much longer than any other season, we get more hours to play!

As you can see, there are several reasons that 9 out of 10 friends agree with me that summer is the best season. Longer hours of daylight, more outdoor activities, and the lovely

warmth are all reasons that we feel this is true. As a student and as a teacher both, we usually do not have to worry about any school in the summer, which makes summer such an awesome season! Who wouldn't agree with that?!