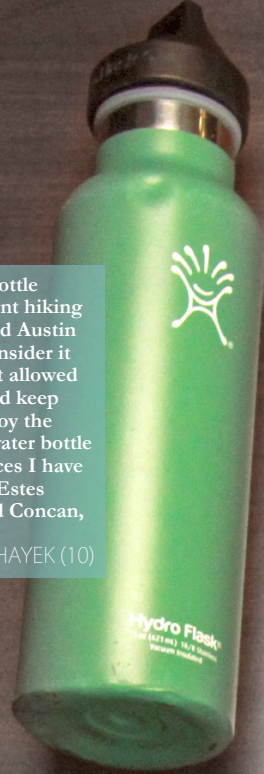


"I took my water bottle with me when I went hiking this summer around Austin and Colorado. I consider it essential because it allowed me to stay fresh and keep having fun and enjoy the hike. My favorite water bottle has stickers of places I have traveled on it, like Estes Park, Colorado and Concan, Texas."

-DALTON HAYEK (10)



"I love wearing my sunglasses, whether it's using them to keep my hair out of my face, or just to keep the sun out of my eyes. I bring them everywhere. I don't feel good about leaving them at home- they're my summer essential."

-COLLYN BURKE (12)



"My Chacos are a must have when I'm traveling. They're super comfy and good for anything. When I was on a mission trip, there was a little girl at a Vacation Bible School. In the story, they were talking about Jesus washing the peoples' feet and they had pictures of feet on the walls. The little girl recognized the picture of my feet by the chacos I was wearing that day. I just thought it was so funny that she recognized my feet by my chacos."

-LAUREN JONES (10)

"Baby Lips chapstick is one of my summer essentials. I have this blue baby lips with SPF in it that's great to wear in the summertime. I wore it when I went to Bull Creek and it worked really well."

-BRITTANY BALLOU (11)



"When we were waiting in line to go up the Empire State Building, I was listening to Clutch with my headphones. Whenever I get bored or I just feel like listening to music, I just plop my headphones in and listen."

-SEVIN BIGGINS (11)

"I took my selfie stick with me to Disneyland and near the Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, California. I didn't really use it much, or at all, because inside Disneyland, they're not allowed. It was pretty disappointing because that was the whole reason I brought it to take pictures."

-MASON YOUNG (9)

"Acclimating [to Guatemala] and getting used to the culture was difficult. Having to live in an orphanage for seven weeks was especially different. One of the highlights of the mission trip was being a part of a drama team that helped portray wordless expressions of the Bible. The biggest lesson I learned on this trip was to always have a servant's heart."

-BEAU WATSON (10), GUATEMALA



"I went to Switzerland and Italy for my senior trip. My mom went to Italy when I was little, and I was so upset that I made her promise to take me one day. We've been saving money for two years. We visited the first World Girl Scout Headquarters in Switzerland and hiked in the Swiss Alps. In Venice, we did the gondola ride, and it was fun going down the streets of Venice with a funny guy in a striped shirt."

-CAMI COX (12), SWITZERLAND

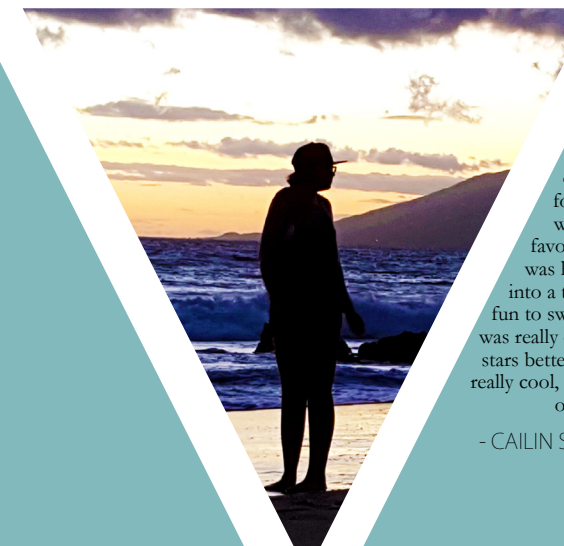


"I was in Belgium for about a week by myself. I got to experience traveling there by myself, so that was fun. I went and saw traditional Belgium towns, and I went to Bruges, which was really cool with the roads and the canals. I got to go to the Belgium seaside and got to see the coastal area and tourist-y things. You have to speak Dutch when you're there, so I had to use a translator. The only thing I was ever able to say was 'hello' because I was really bad at Dutch. My favorite part was the moment when I walked out and saw my friend for the first time in five years."

-ROXY MOTA (11), BELGIUM

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Students leave the Continental U.S. for summer vacation, share travel essentials



"I went to Maui over the summer for about six weeks with my family. My favorite part [of the trip] was hiking down the cliffs into a tide pool because it was fun to swim in. One night, the sky was really clear and you could see the stars better than you can here. It was really cool, and we could even see parts of the Milky Way."

-CAILIN SYLVESTER (10), HAWAII

"Every year my family takes a trip to somewhere colder to escape the heat- somewhere to relax with a nice view. I stayed in Anchorage from late June to July with my mom, dad and older sister. My favorite part was going hiking a couple times because you could look out and see the snow and the large forests that covered the area."

-WILL METCALF (10), ALASKA

