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Dear John,

I am so excited that you are coming to visit my family and me this summer. I know you live in Las Vegas and you don't really know what it is like to live in Franklin. So I will tell you how it feels, what activities we have, how the people are, and great places to eat in Franklin. The first thing I have to tell you about are the colors and beautiful weather in the summer.

When summer starts the buds start growing on the trees and the colors that bloom are amazing. It is like you are in a rainbow. When you get to the open fields, it is an endless grass meadow or it's filled with crops. On a windy day the grass sways like a horse's mane.

Next, I will talk about the amazing activities here in Franklin. One of my favorite things to do is go to the park and play around with my family or friends. There are soccer goals, lacrosse nets, and baseball fields in the parks in Franklin. I know you love baseball, John.

The best place to eat here by far is the Clinton Station Diner. They have the best food you will ever taste. There is a real train at the end of the diner that you can eat food in, like isn't that awesome. You can even grab a mint on the way out to freshen up your breath (for free!).

The trails everywhere in Franklin are amazing. There are bike trails and running trails that have bridges with streams running under them. The scenery is great, too. We can also go fishing here and catch "really" big fish.

When you wake up in the morning and the sun rays are beaming through your window, you can hear the sweet voice of the birds singing in your window. When you get up and you are starving, you can be greeted to the smell of my mom's special waffles.

I know Las Vegas has lights everywhere at night, but here when there are no clouds, the moon shines bright over Franklin. The moon is like a big night light for Franklin. Almost every night I look out my window and see the moon glitter through my blinds in my room. The stars help the moon light up the night sky, but if you grab a chair, go out on my deck, and watch the stars on a hot summer night, it is the best.

I'm sure there are nice people in Las Vegas but there are really nice people in Franklin. People say "hi" to you all the time and neighbors greet their neighbors with warm smiles. You also get a warm feeling inside when you are in Franklin from the people. The police help out people if they are struggling with stuff, and they are really nice. If you get lucky, they will give you a warning instead of a ticket if you are driving too fast.

When you are really bored you can play with my dog Jessie. She will get you full of entertainment, trust me. She is a brindle boxer and is five years old. She is the funniest and best dog in the world. She can sit, sometimes lay down, and try to roll over. She knows other tricks like when you see deer in the window by the backyard, you just have to say, "Go get it!" then she chases them away, like they're fresh meat. There are many more animals like horses, turkey vultures, groundhogs, and many more.

The only bad thing about the summer in Franklin are the bugs. The flies can be annoying because they are always trying to get on your food. The mosquitos may bite you from left to right, and the stink bugs on the walls are sometimes smelly. But there is a solution, a big can of bug spray.

I really hope you will have a great time with my family and me when you come, John. It will be lots of fun and a memory you won't forget

From your favorite cousin,

Chase