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Dear Joe and Tina,

I was so excited to hear that you will be visiting me for a whole month over the summer! It will be a big change from the city so I thought I could tell you a little bit about my neck of the woods, Franklin Township.

The first thing you'll probably notice is that it's very green! We have a lot of open space and rolling hills, but we also have woods with streams running through them. Unlike your hometown, we can hear the birds sing all day and see bright stars at night. I think it would be really cool if we slept out in the yard in a tent all night. We would sure get a good view of those stars! I do get a little nervous though, because we do have some wild animals in the area. There is always the raccoon, fox, or groundhog that likes to wander through the yard. We also see a lot of deer. They love to eat our plants! But what worries me the most are the coyotes and bears that are occasionally seen in the area. I've never seen them, and I hope I never do!

I would love to take you horseback riding on some of the local horse trails. Maybe we can go for a swim by the trestle off Landsdown Road after walking the trail behind the post office in the center of town. We could even stop at Duke's to get a milkshake!

If you're interested, we could help take care of some animals on a real farm. Have you ever milked a goat? How about turning that goat's milk into cheese for an afternoon snack?

One of my favorite things to do is going fishing. We can go fish in the creek behind the post office. Even though I never caught anything, I've heard rumors that there is a hole where they like to hang out and maybe we will find the hole and catch tons of fish!

In June we have a polo match which means you would have two teams that ride horses with mallets, or hammers, to get a ball into the opposing side's goal. It is a very fun event, where you can have a tent with food. You can watch the game with family and friends.

On a sunny day, we can go picking fresh strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries. When we've eaten all we can, we can use the rest to make a pie. You haven't tasted berry pie until you've had one made with just-picked berries! Yum!

I can't wait to have our time together this summer. I have only mentioned a few of the amazing adventures we will have with each other and can only imagine the memories we are going to create and tuck away for years to come.

Love,
Kevin