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## Summer Time

Chirp, chirp, the birds are singing. Taking a walk in nature makes you happier. There are many things to see, smell and hear in nature. My favorite season in Franklin Township is summer. What is yours?

I love to take a walk along the Capoolong Creek. I love to put my feet in the water on a hot summer day. I like to listen to the sound of the birds singing. One evening I saw fish in the creek and watched them keep cool in the deeper water. There are many beautiful flowers along the creek. The fresh air smells so good.

Sometimes we will walk down the creek to Roger's pond. We like to watch the turtles walk along the floating logs in the water. My dad brings his fishing pole, and we sit in the shade and wait for the fish to bite. My mom packs a cold lunch and we eat it under the giant oak trees. There are a lot of bugs flying around. Occasionally, there is a heron along the edge of the pond. The pond smells like fish. Sometimes we don't catch anything, but we still enjoy the adventure.

On a really hot day, I like to go out into the woods with my sister and brother for an adventure. We try to see who can find the most plants or animals. We make a list to see who wins. There are hundreds of ferns in the woods. We see lots of different mushrooms growing too. The deer run away when they see us. I like to smell the mushrooms, ferns, and different flowers when I pick them. The ferns smell sweet. Later on, we counted up who found the most things in nature.

I love to go out in nature and sit quietly. I listen to all the sounds, take in all the smells, and enjoy all of the beauty around me. Summer is my favorite season in Franklin Township.