

Wisdom Café – August 2, 2023 - Summer and Summer Rituals

Do you like summer season? Why?

- Gives you a break from the rain
- Grandkids are more available to spend time with
- The days are longer
- Great time to take a vacation

What activities did you do during the summer when you were growing up?

- Camping
- Playing ball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Doing picnics
- Baseball
- Riding bikes
- Visiting lakes and parks
- Playing Red Rover
- Playing Kick the can
- Flying kites
- Playing Hide and Seek
- Catching butterflies
- Catching fireflies
- Board games
- Going to the beach
- Playing with other kids
- Playing cards
- Summer camps
- Eating ice cream
- Campfires at night
- Eating watermelon
- Spitting watermelon seeds
- Going to the movies
- In India, studying academics
- Water activities
- Eating mangos, mango juice, mango pudding, mango curry, pickled mangos, Margaritas

 *Definitely the subject with the most conversation!*

How do you think summers were different for you as a kid, versus your own kids?

- ✓ We used to spend time with our family in India when we lived there, now it is too pricey to fly and see them each year.
- ✓ After the war, no one had much money in the Netherlands. We would swim and play games with our friends. We were on our own. Today the kids are less creative
- ✓ In the 1950's, we were outside playing and on our own for most of the day. Today, the kids have organized activities.
- ✓ After the war, food and clothes were rationed. After the GI bill and housing, we had neighborhoods. Today's kids do not have shortages, in fact they have an abundance of material things.