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By Stacy Hill

My family and I have been very fortunate when it comes to a vacation. We get to go somewhere about every summer. We have been to several different places over the years, always finding something new to try. This year we went to Colorado for a second time. There is a lot to do there. One can trail ride, raft, hike, fish, off-road, swim, or even hunt. I found rafting, fishing, and off-roading to be my favorite things to do in Colorado.

The first thing we did was go rafting. We floated the river two times. The first trip we



spent a lot of our time stuck on rocks or carrying our rafts. The river was low this year which made it harder to navigate. However, the second trip was more fun because we knew where not to go. We were able to keep

going and make it to the rapids. The rapids were rough and challenging. We had a lot of fun trying not to tip over. Although the rapids were the most exciting part, they may not have been the best part. When we were not in the rapids, we got to relax. We would lie back in the raft and slowly float along while looking at the scenery.

The second thing we tried was fishing. We fished in the river and in the lakes. The first place we went was the river, where we saw a lot of fish but



never caught even one. We mostly lost lures and got wet. The second place we went was the

lakes. The lake fishing was awesome, a lot better than the river. We limited out two different days. We never stopped catching fish. It was a great experience. The view was amazing, and the weather was nice.

The last thing we got to do was go off-roading. We took our three motorcycles and our cousins' two 4x4's. We took two trails and rode for miles and miles into the mountains and up the mountains. There were trails all over; we could never explore them all.



The first trail was steep and rocky. I could barely make it up; I had to stay in first gear the whole time. But it was worth it; it took us up to a

big overlook where we could see the towns. The second trail was not as steep, but just as rocky. We had to navigate through rocks that are taller than the tires on our motorcycles and sharper than a sword. We crossed two creeks and rode miles before finding a turn that led us back. The end of that trail, where we turned, was the best part of the trip. We stopped there for a long time. We had a great view of all the mountains. We could see all the valleys, rivers, trees, and waterfalls from there, all while standing in a lonely patch of snow.

My vacation to Colorado was a lot of fun. I really hope I get to take another vacation there. There were a lot of things I still wanted to do when I left. I saw lots of trails that I never got to explore and beautiful lakes that I never got to fish. The only thing I will do different next time is stay longer.

