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As we head into summer, we wanted to share a quick, non-market “Summer Favorites” roundup from our team. Inside are a few of the things we’re enjoying right now. Including hiking and camping adventures, a memorable Santa Fe margarita, and a short list of books worth adding to your stack. We hope it sparks a few ideas for the weeks ahead.

Cheers to a great summer,

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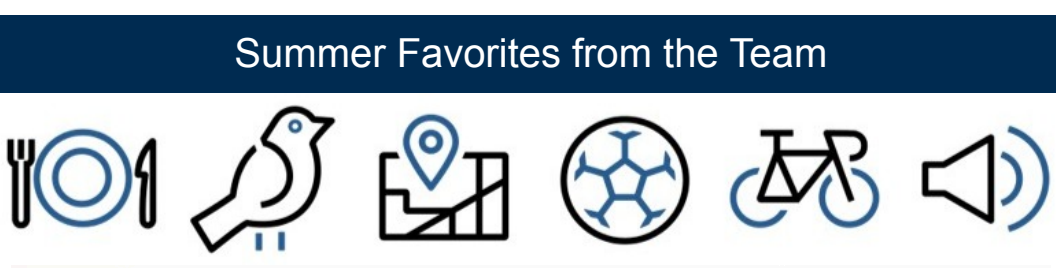
Summer Favorites from the Team



Mitch Vigil - For the Vigil family, one of our favorite camping spots is at Haviland Lake north of Durango, CO. The campsites are spread out well, plenty of trees, close drive to the ski mountain and we have an inflatable kayak that we put into the lake. It turns into the parents paddling against the wind at times. If we are lucky you can find a spot that overlooks the lake and at times we have seen osprey catching fish. From this campsite there are a couple of trails you can access and periodically I can convince the kids to jump into the lake for a bit of a cold plunge.

Carlos Duque - This summer, the Duque family is sorting, classifying, and packing away years of memories. Turns out, decluttering is a lot more fun when you reframe "putting stuff in storage" as "creating family time capsules." We are tackling a massive summer organization project. Every box we pack with old favorite toys, tiny clothes, and photos is officially a tiny piece of history saved for the kids. The house gets less cluttered, and the memories get preserved. Win-win! It's been fun creating boxes for each one of us and bringing back memories of our childhood, specially the adults!

John Rochester – Summer for me means more day time and light which means more time in my garden and more time to read. Spending time in the garden, hands in the dirt, flowers and plants being nurtured, fresh squash blossoms and home grown tomatoes. But it also means that I can take the opportunity to have some downtime. This summers reading list has included many books, but here are a few that I have really enjoyed so far: *Still Life* by Louise Penny, *Deep Creek, Finding Hope in The High Country* by Pam Houston and *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn.

Cindy Snapka - I recently made a trip to Santa Fe and discovered my favorite Margarita, hands down. I have never been fond of the classic margarita flavoring, so I always pass on the menu. But, this one caught my eye on the chalk board at the front door of Tomasita’s restaurant. (One of my favorite restaurants!) This is the *Jalapeño Cucumber Margarita,* which often goes by "*Chili Cucumber*". It balances the refreshing taste of fresh cucumber with a spicy, fiery kick. Now, I’m on a quest to see if it’s served in Albuquerque…cheers to summertime!

Eric Oquedo – Spending time with family and enjoying the World Cup has become something we all do regularly together. Gathering,, barbecuing, and having weekly World Cu[watch parties cheering on the Mexican National team as well as USMNT is the best summer fun.

Antonio Ortega - This summer I am looking forward to getting outside as much as possible and hiking some of my favorite trails in New Mexico with close friends and family. One of the first hikes on my list is going to be Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument, which has been a long time favorite for me. What I love most about this activity is how easy it is to turn a hike into a full summer day together: an early start to beat the heat, plenty of water, and a relaxed afternoon dinner back in town. For me, summer is all about being outdoors, moving, and making memories with the people I care about.[1]

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