

A Trip to the Dunes



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We get out of school in June. Our music group plans a trip. We will ride a bus and see some cool sights. We are gone for five days. It is a long road trip.



Luke and Drew sit by me on the bus. We make a few plans. When the bus stops for fuel, our group gets a map. We check to see if the zoo is on our way. I can't wait to hang out with Luke and Drew and eat lots of food.



We mark the beach with a blue line on our new N.C. (North Carolina) map. When the bus gets to the beach, our group will see the dunes. Drew says that we will be at the dunes by noon.



But first the bus stops for fuel and food. Ruth gets some fruit and juice. She thinks the fruit will keep us cool at the beach.

The bus is full of fuel and we are on route to the sand dunes.



When we get to the beach, I run on the sand with Drew and Luke. The sand is smooth where the wind blew and blew. The sand has made huge hills. Hills made of sand are called dunes. Our crew runs up a few of the big dunes. It is hot but a lot of fun too.



Ruth brings out the fruit and juice at noon. Ruth knew my juice was gone, so she gave me some grapes. Our music group was in the mood to cool off after the food and the dunes.



We got back on the bus. The next stop was the pool at the park. Luke drew a red line on the map to mark the route. We only had a few miles to go. When we got to the park we saw the huge pool!



The pool had two chutes to slide through. Luke, Drew, and I grab a tube. I use my blue tube to float through the pool chute. It is a blast! All day we flew through the chutes and cruised round the loop of the pool.



Luke, Drew, and I got out of the pool when it got dark. Drew said, “Look! I can see the moon!”

Our music group had cabins in the park. The cabin was cool and we slept great. When we woke up, our crew got on the bus to tour more of N.C.

Fun Facts about NC Dunes!



- *A dune is a hill of sand formed by wind blowing in the same direction for a long period of time.
- *The sand dunes along the North Carolina coast can be as high as 10 - 25 feet.
- *Some sand dunes in N.C. are man-made. They are formed when fencing and grasses are placed along the shore.
- *Dunes help limit erosion and protect homes and towns from the ocean waves and the wash-over from storms.
- *Dunes can also be found in the desert or anywhere that wind continuously blows sand in the same direction.

Long U words

June	do	fuel
mood	through	chute
schoo	new	blew
l	noon	huge
music	dune(s)	blue
cool	zoo	knew
Luke	crew	route
group	food	flew
pool	smooth	cruised
Drew	fruit	moon
few	noon	loop
tube	juice	use
few		

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