

We Are Water West Central MN
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Grace Vacek:

I'm Grace Vacek, and I live in Appleton, Minnesota. I'm 14. I'm stuck at home because of the coronavirus, and I have been since mid-March. I've been pretty bored, especially now school has been out for about a week. I haven't had a lot to do, so I do what I can.

Well, on hot days, it's going to really suck because I'll just be stuck inside and won't be able to go outside all day. It's just fun for me to go to the pool and hang out with my friends. A few times where it's just been a whole day of going to the pool and it's pretty fun then because you just get to do whatever. But I don't know if we're going to be able to this year.

Either jumping off the diving board or climbing the rock wall or just playing in the kiddie pool section and playing different games in there. Just jumping off the diving board and playing chicken. I like doing that. Then there's Sharks and Minnows. I don't remember all of the rules, but there's a ton of minnows and there's a ton of sharks, and the minnows start on the end of the pool, on opposite ends. Then the sharks say, "go," and the minnows have to try to get to the other side without the sharks getting them. That only works if you have a big group of people though.

When the lifeguards call breaks, we like to go get food and then it's also fun.

So I've been really bored because my brother gets to go to work and stuff and he can drive so he can go places. But I can't really. So I've been stuck at home, so I take a lot of opportunities to go out and do stuff. Sometimes when dad asks me to go fishing, I'll go with him. I like going out on the boat because it's you get to go and have the wind in your hair. It's been kind of hot and dry here so it's nice to just be out on the water. Usually we catch some fish. If we don't, it's just nice to read a book out on the water, stuff like that