



Arches



Mesa Verde



Leah & Lisa



July is the time of year we attend the annual Gray PEAR Affair family reunion. This year the event was held on July 25th in Colorado; a perfect opportunity for us to also take in Arches National Park and Mesa Verde National Park. Both park visits were awesome. The rock formations in Arches are stunning and the dwellings in Mesa Verde are positively fascinating. (We found the lizard shown above in Mesa Verde.)

The theme for this year's family reunion was an Indian one. Instead of games this year, I organized activities. There were headdresses to make, beaded necklaces and bracelets to create, Indian face painting and a tomahawk pinata to break. As an alternative to an actual teepee, my aunt Nancy, the host for this year's reunion, let everyone TP a tree in her front yard!

Axel spent the last month and a half with us while Tim, Kathy, Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra vacationed in Europe. While they were away, he turned a year old!



This year's reunion pinata.



July 27

Tim, Kathy, Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra had a stupendous, one-of-a-kind adventure traveling all over Europe for six weeks, visiting many countries and experiencing a wealth of culture.

After returning from Europe on August 14, Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra immediately started school! All three are now in the same school.



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