

What do you miss most about being a child?



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I miss those Saturday mornings when a few of us would go down to the local junior high school and play “over the line” (baseball). The competition and comradery were the best. We kept stats and gave out awards at the end of the season. The carefree days of youth.

Mark Fitzpatrick
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I truly miss the summertime where I'd wake up with the sun, get my household chores done, and then set out on my bike with my friends all day long and race home just before dark. I wouldn't be surprised if we clocked 50 miles in a day; yet somehow, we were never too hungry, never too tired and never too hurt to just keep going. Oh how I miss those days.

Frank Hokr
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I miss the old neighborhood full of kids who would gather and play in the street—baseball, football and basketball—all summer long until the streetlights came on. To this day, seeing a streetlight turn on takes me back to those carefree days.

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As a child I had a sense of unlimited possibility and all the time in the world to pursue my dreams. As we grow older, our mortality becomes a reality. But that's not all bad; there's nothing like recognizing that our time on this earth is limited to create a sense of urgency and to prioritize what's really important in life.

Jack Hagerman
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I miss writing just for the fun of it. I would spend most of my free time living inside my imagination and dreaming up wildly outlandish stories to write or creating my own neighborhood newspaper was my version of "play time." As an adult I do a lot of writing for work, and it is still fun; but it doesn't give me the magical feeling it once did.

Next month's question:

If time travel existed, would you prefer to go backward or forward?

Share your thoughts by sending them to micelle@kevinross.net.

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The idea of doing fun things just because it was fun and being creative without restrictions is what I miss most. It feels like nowadays everything has to have a reason. As adults we have to be “productive,” have a side-hustle or only work on something so we can check it off a to-do list.