The Countdown to Summer Is On

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As the school year finally starts to wind down, you can feel it in the air—summer is almost here. The classrooms feel a little lighter, the days feel a little brighter, and students everywhere are counting down the days. After months of homework, tests, and waking up early, everyone is ready to breathe, relax, and just have fun.

Summer isn't just a break—it's a feeling. It's late nights laughing with friends, cold drinks on hot days, and music playing while the sun sets. It's about freedom and making memories you'll talk about long after the season ends. To see how people are planning to spend their time, I asked a couple of students what they're most excited about, and their answers really showed just how much summer means to everyone.

First, I talked to Tristan Clark and asked what he was most looking forward to this season. Tristan smiled and said, "Just being free. I want to stay up late, play video games, and not have to worry about anything the next day." When it comes to his big plans, he added, "I want to go to the pool a lot, have cookouts with my family, and maybe take a trip. Even just riding around with my friends sounds fun."

Next, I talked to Terrion Covington to see what makes the season so exciting for him. "Everything," Terrion said. "The weather, being outside, and just having time to do what I want. It feels different than the rest of the year." As for his daily schedule, he's keeping it active. "Definitely playing basketball almost every day, going to

the park, and hanging out with my friends. We might even have little competitions just for fun."

Listening to them made it clear—summer is more than just time off. It's about enjoying the little moments, trying new things, and just being happy. Whether it's going to the pool, having bonfires, playing sports, or just relaxing, everyone has something they're excited for.

The countdown is almost over, and the best part is just about to begin. Summer is calling—and Thornridge students are more than ready to answer.