

## **New Buffalo, Michigan**

### **By Jack**

**New Buffalo is a great small town in the southwest part of Michigan.**

**I love it there because it has great beaches on Lake Michigan. But what I love most is that it is a yearly tradition for our family. I go there every year with my cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents and we rent a house. I am always so excited the week before we go. I do a countdown and can not stop saying "I can't wait to go to New Buffalo". There are a lot of big forests with cliffs to climb on. It is so fun to climb the cliffs because if you slip you will slide down the cliff. My cousins and I always have a contest to see who can make it down all the way without slipping once. It is so much fun. The backyard always has an in the ground pool with a slide and a diving board. It is so fun going down the slide head first and having cannonball contests off the diving board, and seeing who can hold their breath longer. We once celebrated my Grandpa's 70th birthday up there. It was great to celebrate it in Michigan and the fact that all our cousins and aunts and uncles were up there like every year. I was 4 years old then. One thing we like to do there is eat at a really good restaurant called "The Stray Dog". Going to lunch there is a tradition for us in New Buffalo. Every time we hear we are going to eat there my cousins and I get excited. They have great burgers and fries. When we go up there we usually bring a football to play with in the pool. And if we have a basketball hoop we dunk balls in the pool. It is a lot of fun playing catch and dunking basketballs because we like doing tricks when we do stuff like that. It is just so fun when we go to the beach when we go out to about 4 feet deep and dive into big waves and grab a plastic cup and try to scoop up fish. One time Jimmy had a fish in the cup but did not believe he had a fish in there and dumped the fish back into the water. It was funny. New Buffalo is special to me because it is fun to have vacation with your cousins and family.**