

# The Red, White, and YOU

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“How to Bake a Crisco Pound Cake”  
by Nash Parker

Do you like cake?  
Well, I do, and my favorite cake is my Grandma

Grimes’ Crisco pound cake! I never knew my Grandma Grimes, but my mom bakes her cake for me every year on my birthday. Don’t mistake this cake for any ordinary pound cake! It’s very special and delicious. I’ll tell you the ingredients but not the secret quantities! To bake my Grandma Grimes’ Crisco pound cake, you will need sugar, Swans Down cake flour, butter-flavored Crisco, eggs, baking powder, salt, and real lemon juice. You’ll combine the ingredients (in a specific order) and cook for ninety minutes at 350 degrees. I wish that I had gotten to know my Grandma Grimes’, but since I can’t, I hope my mom will teach me how to make her special Crisco pound cake. I will keep the recipe a secret and only tell my family.

“Basketball”  
by Ellee Mobley

Do you like basketball? I like basketball because it makes me a better

athlete. My sister also plays basketball. Most of my family played basketball while they were in school. They were pretty good! My favorite player plays for the Golden State Warriors, and his name is Steph Curry. He is a good player, and he shoots a lot of three pointers! He inspires me. I feel like I’m a pretty good player. I played Junior Pro basketball this year. Basketball is my favorite sport! Some day, I think you will be a good basketball player, too!



“Softball”

by Darcy Rich

Why do I play softball? I play softball because it is fun, and I like to be challenged. I play center field and first base. I play for the East Georgia Crossfire and the Jenkins County Recreation Department. My dad is my coach. He has taught me everything I know about softball. I hope every girl has a great experience like I have had. I hope I can play softball in high school and through college.





“The Inauguration”  
by Anna Palmer Braswell

What did you think about the Inauguration? On January 20, 2017, Donald J. Trump became the President of the United States. I was sick that day, so I watched the whole thing on television. This means I got to watch a historical event! It was fun to watch. The thing I like most was the “swearing in” of the President. I have never seen anything like that before. I’m not sure I understand why other Presidents were there -- I thought they were not supposed to like each other very much! Mr. Trump had all his family on the stage with him. It didn’t seem too crowded. He raised his hand and swore on the Bible. I hope he will make a good President and “Make America Great Again”!

“Fishing”  
by Clint Miller

Have you ever been fishing? If you have, you know how to tie a knot to a hook. You also know to put a bobber on the line with bait on the hook, throw it in the water, and wait. One time, Dad, his friends, and I went fishing. I caught a huge mudfish, and my dad and his friends said that it was the biggest mudfish they had ever seen. Scott, one of my dad’s friends, said it could probably be the state record holder mudfish for a Junior Pro fisher. One time, I had a four or five foot gar on the line. I got him up to the surface, but no one knew where the net was!! That was a fun day!



“My First Deer”  
by Will Gelderman

In October 2014, my daddy and I were hunting at our farm. After a few hours, a doe walked out. It stomped trying to get us to move, and then it walked right out in front of us. BOOM! I shot it in the throat with iron sights! She fell dead. We rolled around on the ground excited about my first deer. Then, we drove the truck up to her and loaded her up. We took her to the “skinnin” tree. We cleaned her and put the meat in the cooler to bleed out. Then, Daddy put some of her blood on my face. We decided to go see Mama at the hospital and show her and all the nurses my face. You see, I learned that day that the only people who shoot better than me is Opa and Daddy!



“Zip-Lining in the Mountains”  
by Aden Hickman

Have you ever wanted to fly like a bird and soar over the trees? Zip-lining is a way you can do that.

Zip-lining is a sport where there is a stainless steel cable that is attached to an angle so you can travel from one place to the next using gravity. When I was seven years old, I went zip-lining in Seven Devils, North Carolina, with my mom, Alex, and Uncle Jud. We had to put on a harness to lock ourselves onto the zip-line so we didn't fall off. We had to wear a helmet and a special type of gloves so our hands did not get burned on the zip-line. The gloves also helped to slow ourselves down. We zip-lined over streams and tree tops. I'm so glad there was water below us in case we fell -- we could land in the water. The whole time we were zip-lining, I kept thinking, "Don't look down!". It was very fun, and I can't wait to do it again!

“Video Games”  
by Maddie Grace Holland

Do you like video games? I do!! Video games are endless. You can even make your own

games. My favorite game is “Roblox” because you can make your own games. There are hundreds of things to play on one game. There are so many games out there. I recommend playing free games, like card games, or whatever you enjoy! There are many consoles you can play the games on such as PlayStation, Xbox, PC's, laptops, and my favorite, Apple and Android devices. If you want to make a game, you have to do a lot of coding -- and I mean a LOT of coding. My favorite type of game is an open world game. An open world game is a game where you can roam freely and complete quests. My favorite open world game is “Bright Ridge”. It is very important to only play video games about one hour a day. One day I might make games, but who knows!



“Building”  
by Owen Redd

Do you like building things? I love to build all sorts of things! It is one of my hobbies, and I have built a lot of things. I have built a fort and a table to name a few. I have fun doing it. I even helped my Papa build a cross once.



“Football”  
by Lane Bowers

Do you like football? I like football. It is one of my favorite sports. Football's scoring is different than other sports. Every touchdown counts six points, and the after point kick counts one. I have gone to a Georgia Bulldog football game. It was awesome! I had the best time ever!



“All About Farm Animals”  
by Ava Timms



Do you have any farm animals? I do! I keep them at my uncle's. I have eleven cows, two hogs, one pig, one hundred chickens, and two roosters. I love animals -- they are so cute! I like feeding them, too. I am getting two horses, and I am so excited! Here are some things that you need to know about farm animals. You never need to get behind a cow -- it will kick you! Trust me, it hurts. Never get in a pen with a hog unless you have raised it. Hogs will chase you and hurt you if you are not careful. It is scary! We are moving, so I can keep my animals at my house soon.

“My New Dog”  
by Jackson Cooper



Do you have any pets? I have a new puppy. He is a Blue Heeler. His name is “Blue”. He likes to run and play. We are going to start training him soon. This should be easy because he is so smart. I love Blue like a brother.