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WHY PAYTON LOVES ARIZONA

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Your home isn't just the place you live, it's the things that you love and that make you the most happy. Whether that's the people, school, workplace, or a specific activity, they all play into making your home a place you love. Since Arizona is the home to my friends, school, and church, I love Arizona. I love Arizona because of all the amazing things it is filled with.

The people in Arizona truly make my life enjoyable and are the biggest reason why I love Arizona. The hot summer Arizona days seem shorter when I spend them with my family, and swimming to cool down from the heat is so much more fun when I'm with my friends. Hiking in the cool spring mornings is best spent with my brother, and so is driving up north to ski down the slopes blanketed in snow in the winter. Chilly autumn days are made warm by the blankets and hugs from family, curled up on the couch inside. While at night, I drink apple cider with my friends and binge-watch our favorite shows together. I love enjoying Arizona days and its different seasons with those I love the most and I couldn't imagine an any better way of spending my time surviving the hot and cold of Arizona, my home. I love Arizona because of all the amazing people it's filled with.

My school is one of the places I spend the most time at, and I love that it fills my Arizona days with a purpose. At school, I have classes, teachers, and opportunities that I love. I learn about how God made everything and I thank Him for making Arizona so beautiful. In Art Class, I learn how to better paint and draw the beauty I see outside and express it the way that I see it. I Carmichael learn to appreciate where I live, and the history of the people that lived here before me. I love my school in Arizona and I love staying occupied during the hours of sun. School is full of people I love and it's an environment I appreciate and it gives me something to love about Arizona.

My church is like my second home, and I love being in its community. My church encourages my faith and in what I believe. I feel welcomed and loved by the people at my church and they make me feel at home. Their love for me inspires me to love others in Arizona, just as Jesus does. The community there is welcoming and caring and it's great to be a part of something. I love my church and it's a part of the reason why I love my home in Arizona.

My home is filled with the people I love, my school, and my church, and they all make me happy. I love Arizona because of all the wonderful things it is home to and the people I hold dear to heart. I'm glad that Arizona is my home, and I wouldn't want to have my home anywhere else. My home is made out of love, family, Jesus, and Arizona, I couldn't imagine it any other way.