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FAMILY VACATION AT PAJARO DUNES

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From August 5-10, 2025, our family gathered at Pajaro Dunes on the California Central Coast for some fun at and near the beach.



Some of our group watching the sunset from the porch of one of the houses we rented (by Mike)

Pajaro Dunes is near one of California's most intensively cultivated agricultural areas in the United States. Crops include lettuce, cabbage, artichokes, and absolutely wonderful strawberries, which we all enjoyed.



Sweet and juicy strawberries from the Watsonville area (by Dick)

The California coast is also famous for its apples. We did a tasting at the Martinelli facility in Watsonville.

Dick and I drove down a couple of days early to talk about some customized Spanish instruction for me at MIIS (Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey). During that time we also visited the Monterey Bay Aquarium (as did everyone in our group, later in the week) and walked along the cliffs at Pacific Grove.



Dick in the MIIS library



Sea anemone at the aquarium (by Dick)



Bird in the aquarium

Other activities included lots of delicious meals in local restaurants, beach walking and sandcastle building, and whale watching. The latter was fun and rewarding, but the seas were rough.



A game of cards on the beach



More fun on the beach



Mike's seal and whale photos. I didn't know that seals jumped like this!



Whale watching



More whale watching

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