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One of the highlights of my summer is having the grandchildren come to stay.
That opportunity came a few weeks ago before our two oldest grandkids started their summer recreation program in Milbank, SD.
My husband and I had the fun of going there to take in a PeeWee baseball game and I had completely forgotten how excited those young kids get for their sports activities.
There were kids from three or four age groups on the teams, with some more advanced than others.

But it's the learning experience that is the most important — listening to the coaches and playing as a team.
The winning or losing is not the highlight.
They quickly threw in their bags in the car after the game and we headed back to Minneota.
The next five days are now a blur in my memory — as those two kids, ages 11 and 9, had us going on a pretty good clip.
I do remember, vividly, that I should have been riding my bike to get in shape.
They are old enough to go just about anywhere in Minneota without an adult along, but somehow it was always more fun to have me riding along with them.
Perhaps you saw me riding, and falling, and scraping mud off my leg in one of the streets that has been worked on. I didn't jump up and look around this time — I took my time and hoped nothing was broken!

We made a memory when we spent a day at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls, SD,

checking out all the cool science projects.
This “hands-on” exhibit for kids is just awesome. Four floors of things to do, touch, see, and experience are just waiting for the younger set.
The kids also climbed around the rocks of ‘The Falls’ where we had a picnic lunch amidst friendly birds and gophers. What a day!
Of course, there was a lot of laughter, food that the kids enjoy, and packages of chocolate bars that made toasty “smores” in the back yard over the fire pit.
Thanks, kids, you made a great memory for us grandparents!