

“All Dried Out”

Author Biographies



Leslie Andrade

“I make sure my hose is not still on when I go inside.”

Nine-year-old Leslie Andrade lives in Houston with her mother, Anna; her father, Luis; her sister, Stephanie; and her five dogs and six parakeets. As a fourth grader at Barrington Place Elementary, Leslie is routinely on the honor roll and favors math and science.



PJ Chan

“I try to take shorter showers.”

Eleven-year-old PJ Chan hopes to be a professional golfer some day—specifically, just like Tiger Woods. He lives in Fresno, California, and is a sixth grader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School. Extracurricular activities include playing the piano, participating in his Boy Scout troop, and hanging out with his friends.



Adam Favela

“I turn off the faucet when I scrub my hands.”

Eleven-year-old Adam Favela lives in Temecula, California, with his parents, Bert and Pamela. A sixth grader at Temecula Middle School, Adam plays football, enjoys riding dirt bikes, and says his favorite sports hero of all time is Tony Gwynn. He used to play baseball until he got pelted in the ribcage by a 60 MPH fastball.



Sydni Gethner

“I don’t use too much water to water plants.”

Adjusting to life in middle-school, eleven-year-old, Sydni Gethner of Phoenix, AZ, doesn’t waste too much time worrying about it. Though Math is her favorite school subject, she would much rather be inside skating on the ice or out practicing her cheers. An avid cheerleader, this young girl rarely stays in one spot for long.

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Mariah Gorham

“I take less time in the shower, and I turn off the water when I brush my teeth. Outside, I make sure that the hose is turned off.”

Nine-year-old Mariah Gorham of Gilbert, Arizona, definitely has a list of favorite activities: talking on the phone, having sleepovers with her best friends Adrianna and Kathy, reading The Boxcar Children book series, ballet dancing, and spending time with family during Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Maggie Gould

“I take short showers.”

When 10-year-old Maggie Gould grows up, she wants to be an animal trainer, but until then, she will settle on being a fifth grader at Desert Trails Elementary School in Phoenix, Arizona. A model student, Maggie consistently lists on the honor roll and maintains perfect attendance.



Nathan Gould

“I don’t take a bath, I take a shower.”

Ten-year-old Nate Gould fits the mold of an all-American boy. He is 4’ 3” from the tips of his toes to the top of his golden bowl cut. As a fifth grader at Desert Trails Elementary School, he is always on the Principal’s List and honor roll. When he grows up, he hopes to work as a zoo keeper.



Daniel Levy

“I turn off the sink when I brush my teeth.”

Eleven-year-old Daniel Levy lives in Los Angeles with mom, Julie; dad, Jeremy; brother, Adam; and sister, Maia. As a forth grader at Crossroads Elementary, Daniel enjoys creative and hands-on subjects like P.E. and art. In his free time, Daniel rides bikes, skateboards, and plays football.

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Ashley Paetow

“I don’t hose down the driveway, I sweep it instead.”

For 11-year-old Ashley Paetow of Mesa, Arizona, the sky is the limit. This brown-eyed beauty hopes to dominate the runway as a fashion designer. The shoe fits. Last Halloween, Ashley wore witch’s garb...with a tutu. Miss Paetow is definitely a trend-setter in the making.



Austin Paetow

“I look for more efficient ways to conserve water.”

When he is not making the honor roll at Desert Ridge Junior High School, 13-year-old Austin Paetow of Mesa, Arizona, is passionate about skateboarding, hanging out with his friends, and paint-balling. Don’t let his quiet demeanor fool you. Austin is one heck of a great kid with a bright future ahead of him.



Victor Serrano

“I don’t leave the hose on or any thing else that wastes water when I’m not there.”

If it were up to 9-year-old Victor Serrano of Los Angeles, California, he would be out on the ball field catching fly-balls with the pros every day. Full of energy and big dreams, this charmer is the apple of his family’s eye.



Harrison Trachman

“When I’m helping my gardener I suggest things like using the hose after so you don’t need to clean up twice.”

Ten-year-old Harrison Trachman loves living in Los Angeles and can’t imagine living anywhere else. As a fourth grader at Crossroads Elementary, Harrison is partial to attending specialty classes like band, art, and drama. When school is out, he likes to play soccer and football, eat macaroni and cheese, and play with friends.

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Chloe Vicino

“When you take a car to the car wash they use too much water, so we wash it at home because it saves water and money.”

A talented cartoon artist, an avid book reader, and passionate about her Mexican-American heritage, 14-year-old Chloe Vicino is a wide-eyed and open-eared ninth grader at Reseda High School. A California resident, Chloe lives in Van Nuys and one day hopes to become a Pediatrician.



Sara Witzel

“All the time that I brush my teeth, I turn off the faucet, and when I wash my hair I only turn on enough water to get my hair wet.”

Eleven-year-old Sara Witzel is an animal lover, a rock-music goddess in the making, and a self-proclaimed peacemaker. As a fifth grader at Eldorado Elementary School, she looks forward to the days filled with reading or writing. Her current career ambition lies in becoming a professional tennis player.



Allie York

“I will turn off the hose when I take a break from watering the flowers.”

Born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, eleven-year-old Allie York is an outgoing, well-rounded kid who one day sees herself working as an interior designer with a Stanford diploma hanging on the wall in her office. As a sixth grader at All Saints Episcopal Day School, she plays on the volleyball and softball teams.



Jack York

“I don’t keep the hose running when I’m finished watering. I also don’t run water over certain areas.”

Thirteen-year-old Jack York is a starting, right-handed pitcher for his club team, the AZ Sharks, and hopes to become a professional baseball player someday. As an eighth grader at All Saints Episcopal Day School, he consistently lists on the ‘Head of the School’ list for excelling academically.

