

“What Rain Day Means To Me”

Every little girl’s dream is to be a princess; to wear fancy dresses and a beautiful smile, daintily waving to the townspeople. She dreams of dancing across a ballroom floor, twirling to soft music, and of wearing a gorgeous crown which sparkles in the sunlight. In a small town in Greene County, PA, there are no real castles. There are no real kings or queens, unless you count Burger King and Dairy Queen. But we do have a “princess” named Miss Rain Day.

As a child, I always looked up to Miss Rain Day. She was a beautiful woman who brought smiles to the faces of many people. On Rain Day, she resided in her “kingdom”, the tall towers of the “castles” being the courthouse and tall buildings on High Street. The atmosphere of her “kingdom” is wonderful; happiness, joy, excitement, along with a strong feeling of togetherness.

One of the most beautiful things about Rain Day is that a whole community comes together to celebrate. Not only is Rain Day a unique celebration of a rare weather pattern, it allows everyone to reunite in the middle of summer, see old friends, meet new people, and enjoy a day with family.

Presiding over the festivities is Miss Rain Day herself, the princess. Her scintillating personality shines down on everyone, and you will never see her without a smile on her face. That July 29th belongs to her; she is able to brighten the day of many children and adults alike just with a smile and wave.

It wasn’t until I was older that I realized the true dedication put into becoming Miss Rain Day. I followed the pageant closely every summer, awaiting the year when I would have my turn. I was amazed at the beauty not only on the outside, but also on the inside of the contestants. They genuinely cared about each other, their community, and about making a difference in the lives of others. I admired the dedication the contestants had to the Rain Day pageant as well as all other aspects of their lives. I share the same feelings as them.

Perhaps one of the most beneficial parts of Rain Day I just discovered recently. While searching for sponsorships, I met so many benevolent and intriguing people that I never knew existed! I branched out of my comfort zone to go to businesses and shops I had never been to, providing an opportunity to meet new people. First, this was exhausting, but almost instantly I realized how

much I enjoyed talking to these people and hearing their personal stories about Rain Day.

So to me, Rain Day is and has been a truly enchanting experience. It is an opportunity for the community to unite and celebrate, to meet new people and broaden your horizons. It's amazing the difference just one person can make in your life. Our community is blessed with a sense of togetherness and camaraderie which will continue forever.

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