

*District A-15
Bruce Murray Lions International
Youth Camp
July 18th-28th, 2009*



“Youth, Our Future World Leaders.”

Sunday July 19th, 2009

Day two: Canoeing Down the Nith



Glen Morris Lions Hosted our Lunch.

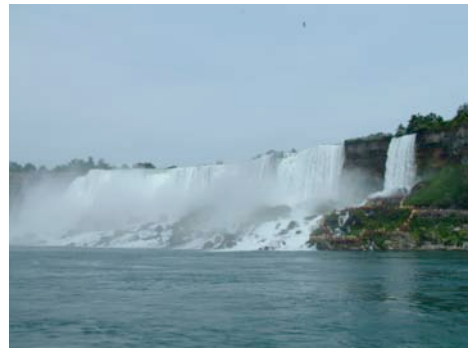


Canoe fashion wear. . . . good old duct tape.



Monday, July 20th, 2009

Day three: Welland Canal and Niagara Falls



We saw all the sights and then some.



Thanks to Joe and PDG O.J. Charlie and the Lions

Club of Kitchener for joining us in Niagara and covering our dinner expenses.

Tuesday, July 21st, 2009

Day four: A Day in Camp... And time to Celebrate the Birthday Boys: Tim, Rudy, Mads, and Carlos.



Who knew doing dishes could be so much fun. . .

Wednesday July 22nd, 2009

Day Five: Lions Foundation of Canada, Hippo Tour, and the Mandarin.



**Lions Foundation of Canada
Demonstrated the the Special Skills Dogs, showed us where they train the Hearing Ear Dogs and
toured us through the kennels.**



Touring about in a Hippo.



Eating



And Eating



Thursday, July 23rd, 2009
Day six: St. Jacobs Market, Elmira then to Kitchener for a Swim and Dinner.



We Met Lion who is a Labrador Pup that has just begun his training.



Lunch at the Crossroads



Tour the area



Mennonite Parking

Then..... a peek at History in progress.



Dave's Mural of Soldiers who died in Afganastan.



Each Soldier Killed in Action is being added
To a beautifully display.

Then on to Lyle Hallman for swimming and dinner with the Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club.





A truly International Induction Service involving Mads and Sandra.
And dinner



Friday, July 24th, 2009

Day seven: Camp, Limeridge Mall.



Spending the Bucks!!

Dinner with Rockton Lions



Saturday, July 25^h, 2009

Day eight: C.N. Tower and Toronto Blue Jays Game at the Rogers Centre in Toronto



Baseball Blue Jays vs. Tampa Bay



They Lost again.

Dinner provided by Ingersoll Lions Club.



Karaoke Night (Saturday Night)



International Night



Mathias on the right Sandra on the left.

Austria

Mathias Fink

Mathias comes from Austria and is 18 years old. He has two brothers – 16 and 25 years old. His parents names are Eveline and Lothar. He attends technical college and hopes to become a computer designer. In his spare time he does karate, skiing and plays the violin. He plays in a rock band called Cutmin where he plays the violin and sings. He stayed at the Henkel family, which was a pleasant experience. His host-mom and host-dad were married when he was there and it was his first wedding ever. He thinks that the two first weeks were good, but lately it has been raining a lot. It is his first exchange and if he gets the opportunity again, he would like to go to India.

The things he liked the most about his family-stay were going to the beach, shopping in London and sightseeing in Toronto. He and Sara stayed at the same family. That was a good thing because the family were busy planning the wedding. Mathias is always happy and a good team mate.

Written by Janni from Denmark

Sandra Schnurpfeil

Sandra Schnurpfeil comes from Austria. She is a very kind and open-minded girl. She was born in September 21st 1990 and she is 18. She has got one elder sister. Her parents are Karl and Gabrielle. She has one cat. She speaks 3 languages: English, French and German. She already did an exchange with Lions 2 years ago in Portugal.

Her hobbies are skiing and swimming. She loves travelling; she has been in Italy, France, Portugal, Croatia and Germany. Her preferential cities are: New York, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. She wants to be an event planer.

Written by Marion from France



Michelle on the left and Stephanie on the right.

Canada

Michelle Radko

Michelle is a very kind 16 years – old. Her mum is from The Philippines and her dad is from Hungary. She was born in Paris, Ontario in January. She is studying in high school in grade 11 and when she finishes high school, she wants to study Medicine. Michelle, in her free time likes playing the piano, reading, biking, watching movies and picnic camps. Her favorite movie is *Notebook* and her favorite book is *Harry Potter* . If you want to know what Michelle's dream is, I can tell you that she would like to be a good doctor, get married with a singer and to have two kids. She also would like to play the piano while her husband is singing a beautiful song. This nice and young girl has never been to another country and she is very happy about living in Canada.

She is volunteering for the first time as a youth counselor for the camp and she loves it!

Written by Sonia from Spain

Stephanie

My interview partner was Stephanie Monroe. She is 17 years old and she is the niece of our camp director Mary Rumble. She lives in Guelph Ontario with her mum and her dog, 2 cats, and her rat Delores. Steph has one sister who is 21 and 2 brothers, 23 and 25. She likes to travel but unfortunately she only visited places in Canada and the states. In the future she wants to travel to Europe to meet other people and cultures. At the moment she works in a restaurant as a hostess but she wants to go back to high school to play basketball. She is a very sporty person. She plays not only basketball but also all other kinds of sports. One day she wants to become a teacher for kids at the age of 5-6 years. She likes the idea of the youth exchange, that's why she is going to Europe but she isn't sure where. It was very nice to have her at the camp. She was always happy and very easy so get a long with. She was also the one how I am able to thank for my nice nickname crazy lady.

Written by xoxo Sandra from Austria. xoxo



Brazil

Jonathan

Today I had a interview with Jonathan.

He is from Brazil, state: sao Paulo, city: soa jose dos campos.

Jonathan is 17 years old and has one sister that is 9 years old. His dad works as a policemen and his mum is working in a school. This is his last year in high school and he learns to be a mechanic. After the high school he goes to college for another 5 years. It is his first time out of brazil so he was a little bit nervous. Its also the first time with the Lions. His hobbies are the PC, TV, and travelling. The reason that he came to Canada is that he wants to learn English and also wanted to know how the people in Canada live.

It was a very nice conversation with him and he was also a very nice guy on the camp.

Take care TIM form the Netherlands.

Written by Tim from the Netherlands



Mads on the left and Janni on the right.

Denmark

Janni

Janni is a 19-year-old girl from Denmark. Her parents' names are John and Bente Jensen and she has two sisters named Mette and Susanne, both of which are older than her. She enjoys playing handball, volleyball, and soccer. Janni just finished school and is taking a year off. This is her first time to Canada and she has enjoyed her time here. She stayed with Brenda and Herb Bishop in Paris, Ontario. During her stay, they went up to the cottage in Magnetowan, four hours from Paris. Other activities she has done include visiting the Butterfly Conservatory in Kitchener, went to the Toronto Zoo the Botanical Gardens and a barbeque with Matti, Freya, and Guilio, the other youth staying in Paris. She was very surprised about how similar the way of living in Canada is to Denmark. She felt very comfortable staying with Herb and Brenda, she says they're like her second family so she wants to visit them again. The memories she has made are priceless and she has 600+ pictures to prove it.

Written by Michelle from Paris, Ontario

Mads Jakobsen

Mads Jakobsen is a 20-year old boy (young man?) from Denmark. He lives in Thisted (it's a town located to North Western Denmark). In his family there are mom, step dad, two sisters and two brothers. Mads is the junior of the family. His hobbies are i.e. American football and soccer. He's also tried many other sports too like tennis and boxing. Seems like he is a very active person! Mads likes music a lot (though he doesn't play any instrument himself) and he says that he listens to all kind of music except for pop and heavy music. For example jazz music is close to his heart. So far Mads' best experience here in Canada has been flying. He was flying with his host family and got to fly the plane himself, too. That must have been an awesome experience for a guy whose dream is to become a pilot one day!

Written by Anna from Finland ☺



Dominican Republic

Vianca

Vianca is a pretty 21-year-old girl from Dominican Republic. She has two brothers and two sisters. Her father is a secretary in a tourist office and her mom is a housewife. She studies city engineering. She has no special hobbies,

because she has no time. She lives in the city of Santo Domingo with her godmother. Her family lives in north of Dominican Republic. She has no animal pets. She loves to go out with her friends; nevertheless, she has no boyfriend. She wants to finish her career and become a good engineer. She adores Canada; however, this is her first foreign exchange. It is her first time abroad. On the personal note, I would like to add that I feel honored I met her. Even though she does not speak English, I think she enjoyed her stay in Canada a lot.

Written by Vid from Slovenia



Matti on the left and Anna on the right.

Finland

Matti

His name is Matti, he is from Finland, he lives in a small town called Punkalaidun. He is very nice person. Matti has three sisters, his hobby is playing piano and hang out with his friend by bike. Matti goes the second grade of the high school. He chose Canada because he want to see people from the other parts of the world. This is his first Lions Youth Exchange. I hope he had a great time in Canada.

Written by Richard from Indonesia

Anna

Anna is 17 years old girl from Finland. She lives in city called Loimaa which is South West in Finland. Anna can speak Finnish, Swedish, German, English and Russian. Anna is going the third grade on high school. She also works in Toy store. Anna loves travelling but this is her first Lions Youth Exchange. She has been so far Toronto, some museums and in many other places. Anna thinks that Canada is wonderful place. Canada and she might come visiting again. Her daddy owns a chicken farm. Anna loves snowboarding and she likes to watch football. Because Anna likes travelling, She might become a stewardess or a pilot. I think She have a lovely time in Canada.

Written by Matti from Finland



France

Marion

Marion is good, cute 18 years old girl, she lives in a small village called Annecy in the country France, she looks pretty quiet at most of the times.

She has one loving elder sister and they live in same house with their parents and her father is a Lion.

She looks talented and loves doing ballet dancing, jazz(dance) and skiing and other than the language French she have learnt English and panish . This is her first time she is coming in a youth exchange program, she wanted to see U.S.A but after coming to Canada she wants to come again here in the future because she simply love the country. She also loves travelling a lot, she have travelled over 9 countries.

It's her last year in high school and she looks forward to go to college to pursue the course in Interior Designing.

Altogether I loved meeting her and I hope her future will be bright ☺☺☺☺

Written by Umang from India



Freya on the left and Jacki on the right

Germany

Freya

Freya is 18 years old and she will be 19 in September, she lives in Germany close to Cologne, she has one brother and he is 15 years old. She love playin basketball and running. She has one more year in the high school and after she is going to study law. She has many hobbies like music, play violin and go out with her friends and she love travelling! I met her in South Carolina camp last year in the lions camp. It was the first for her. She like the camp, country, the host family and meeting new people, and for this she is with us now. This year the group is bigger than the south Carolina group, therefore is difficult to know each others very well, she likes the landscape more than last year. The programs is similar because there are daytrips times in the camp, and a lot of sightseeing but we cannot decide which camp we prefer!!!

Written by Giulio from Italy

Jacki

Jacqueline is 18 years old, she lives in the center of Germany. The name of her village is Mieste. Jacqueline is starting university in October. She would like to become a teacher of biology and sports. In her free time she likes playing handball, listening to music, going to the movies. She also likes going to parties, meeting friends, getting know new people. She came to Canada because she thinks that it is a beautiful and big country. She also likes it that the landscape is different here, than in Europe. Her best experience here with her host family has been that they went rodeo, she saw lots of cowboys and horses. She finds it different in Canada than in Germany that there are more languages spoken here. She thinks that Canadians are very proud of being Canadian: she could see Canadian flags everywhere she went. The houses also look different in Germany than in Canada. It is not common in Germany that towns are so far from each other and you have to travel a lot to reach the next one. She also finds people here really friendly.

Interviewed by Zsofia from Hungary



Hungary

Zsofia

Zsofia is from the capital of Hungary – Budapest. She lives in a house just next to the river Donau. Both Zsofia's mom and dad are in the architect business. Her mother is a secretary in her fathers architect firm. Zsofia attends the university of Elte, where studies law on her second year. She likes to be very active in her spare time. Usually she works out four times a week at the gym, but in exam periods she only works out two times a week. Besides normal workout she does step aerobics and kangoo.

Zsofia loves to travel and she has been all around the world; Taiwan, Australia and many different places in Europe. She thinks the sceneries around the cities in Canada are interesting because they are so different from the ones in Hungary. Apparently they don't have many flowers or trees in the larger cities in Hungary.

Written by Mads from Denmark



India

Umang

Umang Goel is twenty years old and lives in the capital city of India, in Dehli. He lives there with his parents and his older sister in an apartment.

He attends the college of management infasion , and he thinks about working in the company of his father afterwards. This company produces metal formed beaded ladies bags. His mother is a housewife and looks after their apartment. Umang's hobbies are playing table tennis and volleyball, inline skating and driving his own car. On the weekends he likes going out with his friends.

The trip to Canada is his first trip to North America. He really like the landscape of Canada. He enjoys staying in the camp and with his host family.

Written by Barbara from Switzerland

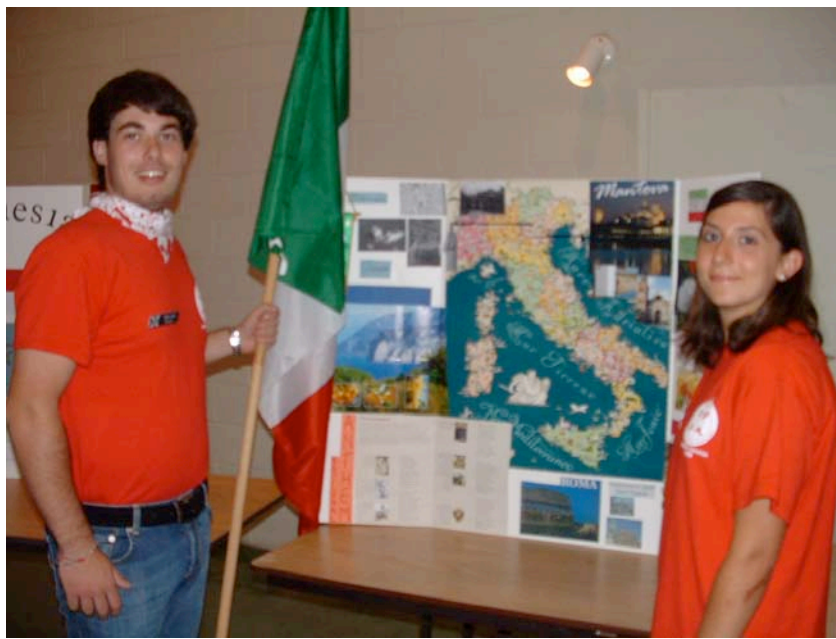


Indonesia

Richard

Richard is from Indonesia and now he is 20 years old. He has two older brothers. His hobby is swimming and many kind of sports. Richard is studying in University, he studies design of art. He has been in the university for two years. Richard like to go with his friends every weekend. Richard chose Canada because he likes Canada and maples syrup too. This is his first time in Canada and he has met a lot of people who speak English. He has been visited America, Singapore, China and now Canada.

Written by Vianca from the Dominican Republic



Guilio on the left and Sara on the right.

Italy

Sara

Sara Stefanelli is 18 years old. She is from the north of Italy in detail from a town called Mantua, which is close to Milan. She is used to hot weather in summer, so she doesn't like the rain of the last few days. But except the bad weather she enjoys her holiday in Canada a lot.

Sara's mother is 48 years old and works in a post office and her father works for the Italian military also in an office. Sara has got a sister, who she likes a lot and her hobbies are: going out with friends, playing volleyball and listening to music. She liked her host parents a lot and also the other youth, who stayed with her, was very nice..☺.. They often went to the beach together, and also to London to go shopping. All in all she did lots of interesting things, although they didn't have much time for her the last few days before the begin of the camp because of their wedding on Saturday the 18th of July. After the camp she will go camping with them for the last days to which she is really looking forward. But the more time passes, the less she wants to go home

Written by Mathias from Austria

Guilio

Guilio is 18 years old and from Italy. He lives in Bassano del Grappa which is near Venice. He has two older sisters one who is 24 while the other is 25. His parents Lino and Cristina work together as they import and export fruits and vegetables around the world. Guilio still has one year left of school, and then wants to go to university to study economics. In his spare he enjoys listening to music, going on facebook, hanging out with friends, also he really enjoys going motorcycling with his friends. This is the first time he has been to Canada, he says the best part is getting to meet new friends. This is his second exchange the first one he was on was in South Carolina. That was where he met Freya who is also in the camp here. At that camp they would move to a different location every two days because of that he really enjoyed his time there. He loves to travel and has spent one month in London, Dublin and South Carolina to improve his english. He was staying with his host family Teenie and Bob Cheevers in Paris. With his host family they went to the African Lion Safari, as well as Brantford's international village festival. They also went to go see a rodeo and Niagara Falls with his uncle. Guilio was full of energy and a lot of fun to have here at camp.

Written by Stephanie from Guelph, Ontario



Mexico

Carlos

Carlos is a 19-year-old Mexican boy who lives in a city of Michoacan called Uruapan. He has two younger brothers, Omar who is 16 and Ricardo who is 14. Both of his parents work for some businesses. At the moment he's studying agro-economy at college and he would like to be a business man as well. He likes playing sports as soccer and volleyball, but also playing videogames and travelling. It's the first time that he has come to Canada but he has already enjoyed the Lions exchange when he was in Italy last year. He loves this last country and he thinks that "it's the perfect country to live in" for the best food, the national soccer team and the beautiful landscapes. He loves eating strawberries and avocado. He also likes animals and he has two dogs. Here in Canada he misses the Mexican tacos.

Written by Sara from Italy



Netherlands

Tim

I was given the interesting task to interview and consequently describe the tall Dutch boy Tim.

Tim grew up in Broek op Langedyk close to the city Alkmaar with his parents and his two little sisters who are 17 and 18 years old. Three years ago at the age of 17 he started to study yacht and ship engineer in Amsterdam. He really likes his studies not only because he also enjoys go sailing in his free time. Apart from this hobby Tim prefers to do other sports such as mountain biking, climbing, playing hockey or doing athletics. Moreover, he is a passionate traveler that is also the reason why he applied for the Lions Youth Exchange in Canada that was by the way his first choice.

Staying in Ontario for almost three weeks now, he can say that it was a good decision because he spent exciting days with his lovely host family and he particularly enjoyed the beautiful landscape of Canada and the exciting day- and sightseeing trips.

After the stay here in Ontario, Tim will keep on travelling and discovering Canada by visiting British Columbia for one more month before he will eventually go back to university in the Netherlands.

All in all, I can conclude that Tim is a very polite person being helpful all the time during Camp.

Written by Freya from Germany



Slovenia

Vid

I will talk about a tall guy called Vid Bajuk, who is from Slovenia. He is a really nice and funny guy. He lives in the small capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana, but he was born in the smaller city of Murska Sobota. He is 17 years old. He does not have brothers or sister. In September he will start the 4th and last year of his high school. Next year he will go to College and he is not sure if he will do Medicine, Law or Economy. When he is in his country, he likes to play tennis, play volleyball, hang out with friends and travel. It is his first Lions Exchange Program and he is enjoying the time in the Camp also the time that he had with his Host Family, the McNaughton`s and with his host brother Umang, from India.

Written by Jonathan from Brazil



Spain

Sonia

Her name is Sonia Sanchiz Cardenas, she is from Malaga, Spain. She is 20 years old. She has an older sister. Her dad is an economist and her mom works as a shop assistant. She is studying Medicine, her hobbies are skating, dance, go out with friend and party. When she has free time, she plays basketball, goes to gym, dances, and works in a hospital. She would like to be a friendly doctor, and she want to be always with the people she loves. She likes Canada, but she wouldn't like to live there. She is a very nice person.

Written by Carlos of Mexico



Switzerland

Barbara

Barbara is one of the youth who is taking part in the Lions youth exchange programme in 2009. I got to know her during the camp where we all spent much time together. She is the onliest youth coming from Switzerland where she shares a house with her parents, her older brother and sister, her cat and her dog. Typical for a country in the mountains, her hobby is skiing. But that's not all. She also play soccer, better than some boys in the camp =) , and the piano as well as the violin. During her time in Canada she was hosted by the Winterkorns from Kitchener. She enjoyed her time with her host parents and their 2 daughters and raves about the food her host mom cooks although she says that it's different to the food in her home country. Barbara loved staying at Niagara Falls so that it became her best Canadian experience besides shopping. Next year she wants to take part in her second exchange but not again in Canada but in California.

Barbara is a sweet girl talking to everybody and always smiling. That's why she's so special.

Written by Jacki from Germany



Rudy and Lorea Boogerman (on the right)
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Rudy and Lorea are members of the Ingersoll Lion's Club. They have hosted 6 exchange youth and have been Youth Camp Counselors for 6 years.

They have 3 children, two sons, both in University and one daughter who works in an investment company. Lorea and Rudy grew up in Stratford, but have lived in a number of places in Southern Ontario, now residing in Ingersoll.

Rudy has retired from the Ontario government and remains active with his sports. Lorea's knowledge & experience as a teacher and school administrator is an asset for the youth camp. Both like to travel to domestic points for now. They will be looking forward to international travel when retirement mode occurs in the near future. Look out Youth Campers, there may be a surprise knock at your door!

Involvement in the Youth Exchange has been interesting for all members of the Boogerman family. Meeting and having youth from other countries living with them is educational and rewarding. Being counselors at the Youth Camp is also a lot of fun. Here you get to meet a lot of interesting young people, visit places in Ontario and have loads of fun & laughter with them.

Both Rudy and Lorea hope to be involved in these activities for many years to come.

Dave & Mary Rumble (on the left)
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Dave is a member of the Burford Lions Club and Mary is a member of the Burford Lioness Club. Together they have over 60 years of service through Lionism. They have 3 daughters Sarah, Marysa and Amanda (1986) one granddaughter Aidyn and a grandson Noah. They have previously hosted 4 youth. Both Sarah and Marysa have been involved in an exchange staying with the families of the youth that their family had hosted.

Dave and Mary have lived in the Community of Burford since 1972 and have been involved in numerous activities, through Lions, Lioness, Business Association, Girl Guides, and COPS (Citizens on Patrol) to name a few. Dave is a Funeral Director operating his own Funeral Home in the Community, Mary is employed by Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church as Business Administrator and assists Dave at the Funeral Home. Dave & Mary have been camp directors for the past 5 years. They describe this as a fantastic and enlightening experience, and have thoroughly enjoyed working with the youth, the host families and the Counselors. They look forward to the next camp as soon as the present one is over. This has also been Dave's fourth year as Youth Exchange Chairman for District A-15.



Bill our Bus Driver

Monday July, 27th, 2009

Wonderland





Long last walk to the bus.

