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International Education Newsletter



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International Student's Perspective on Studying in the Central Okanagan



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Hello, my name is Anneke and I'm from Hamburg, Germany. I decided to go to Canada because I really like to meet new people and I want to learn about a new culture and a new land. I'm here for almost 3 months and the time runs very fast! When I arrived in Kelowna, my host family expected me with a colorful sign, where my name was on.

I live in a big house in Lake Country, that's far away from everything. I have a younger host brother in Grade 8 and he is in the same school with me, George Elliot in Winfield. I also have an older brother but he is in College.

In the first months I went every weekend skiing with my host family, sometimes to Big White or to Crystal Mountain, I also tried snowboarding. I really enjoyed the skiing.

My first days in school were very exciting and I met a lot of people who were very nice to me. I have the subjects Math, Socials, Foods and English. I really enjoy foods class and also Socials but I to work a lot for it. English is sometimes





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Very difficult but my friends help me. First I found it really crazy that the school has 2.5 hour blocks, sometimes it can be very long. In the lunchtime, I always hang out with my friends, which is really fun.

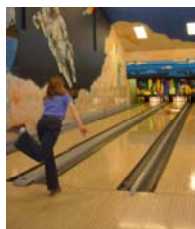
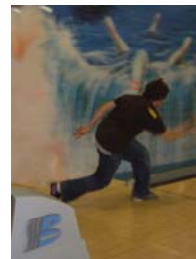
Before I came here I didn't know that I will live so far away from everything. I come from a big city and I don't drive in a car very often and I can go anywhere I want. But here I have to take a bus, which stops about 30min. away from my house. When I'm lucky I get a ride from my host family. I know now why my friends are so excited for their 16th birthday, because they can start driving. I learned that I have to plan my week, what is really new for me. But I'm used to it now.

In March I went with my host family to Vancouver and Vancouver Island and it was really nice. Vancouver is a big city and we stayed at a hotel in Vancouver downtown what was really cool. I saw Chinatown there, the Aquarium and I went shopping to Metrotown, which is a huge shopping center. Vancouver Island we stayed on a boat. I really liked the boat, but it was really cold there. Victoria is a very nice city with a nice old buildings and it wasn't cold there.

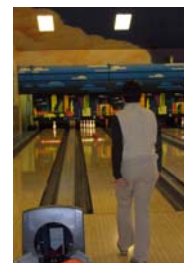
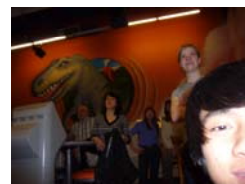
Until now I had a great time here with lot of new experiences and I'm happy to have two more months. Only sometimes I miss my family and friends in Germany a little bit.

Anneke B.

APRIL ACTIVITY BOWLING



Bowling Adults vs. Teens Teens Win, Adults Lose Re-match anyone?



May Activity



It seems May is a busy month for many of you. I have reserved the Hollywood Rd. field for a softball game in May. If you cannot make it, on the date below. Please let me know when in June would be better for you, and we will play a game in June at our farewell gathering.

If not enough people can make it on May 23 , or it is raining, I will send out an email to everyone letting you know it is postponed until **June 26th(Thurs.)** Will June 26th work? We will have a softball game at Ellison Elementary and bar-be-que at a host family's house. Please email mdegen@sd23.bc.ca

SOFTBALL GAME at Hollywood Rd.

Location: Hollywood Rd. Education Services
Address: 1040 Hollywood Rd.
Date: May 23, 2008 (Friday)
Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm
COST: NO COST

What to Bring: Please bring along **BASEBALL GLOVES** if you have one and any other baseball equipment that you think would be useful.

Don't forget to bring something to **DRINK**, as it may be quite warm.

For those of you who have never played softball before don't worry, this will be a great chance to try it out and learn how to play.



