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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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My Time In Canada

Hi, My name is Kevin and I am from Germany. It is now about 18 months ago that I decided to go to Canada and I have to say that was a good decision! I was welcomed to Canada on August 26th by my host family, the Batts. Since I have never been to America, I did not really know what to expect, although I did some research. My host brother and I got along really well and so he started to introduce me to some of his friends before school started. From this week on I noticed, that the Canadians are very friendly people and have no fear to welcome somebody totally foreign. I have not been to a place yet where I had the feeling that I was not welcomed!



International Student's Perspective on Studying in the Central Okanagan Continued

I started to make more and more friends in school (Rutland Senior Secondary) and on Wednesday we would all attend Youth Group. Through that and through my host parents I got involved and now occasionally work for the church as a volunteer.

I am having such a great time here in Canada, that I extended my stay from one semester to now two semesters and I am already looking forward to come back to Kelowna!

Written by Kevin Karp

MAY ACTIVITY SOFTBALL

For some students, this was their first experience playing softball. Some natural talent was discovered. Thanks to the help of our pitchers, baseball pro and to everyone who participated.





June Activity YEAR END POOL PARTY



POOL PARTY

Students and host families are invited to a year end pool party. We will also have a softball game for those interested in playing, so bring your **gloves** and **swimsuits**.

Address: 4920 Daryl Rd. (Beside Ellison Elementary School) Liz & Ed Seitz's house.
Date: June 26, 2008 (Thursday)
Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
What to Bring: Salads , Desserts (Please bring your own drinks)

Please RSVP mdegen@sd23.bc.ca, by **June 23rd (Mon.)**, if you can attend and whether you are able to bring a salad or a dessert.

Remember to also bring your: baseball gloves if you have one, swimsuits, towels and sunscreen.

Host parents Liz and Ed Seitz have generously offered to host the pool party and bar-be-que at their home.

Everyone who would like to, will be able to swim between 6-8pm as a lifeguard has been hired for this time period.

This will be the last time for many of the international students to see one another before leaving Canada. I hope to see you all there!

If it is unseasonably cool and raining after 4pm on June 26th, then we will have to cancel the pool party.

