

So, it has been almost three weeks since I left Oakdale California and everything feels so normal, it really feels that I haven't been gone for a year. But I know that the time I had in Oakdale was one of the best times I ever had in my entire life.

There are so many things that from my year as an exchange student. The time when I came, to get used to all the new stuff and the people and to say good bye to my family and friends that I developed during my time over in the big country.

To go as an exchange student and to pick an organization I have to say that Rotary is probably the best organization to go with, you do so many different things and you meet other exchange students that I know from my own experience are really close friends. Rotary organized a lot of different trips that all the exchange students did. We did a sailing day in the bay area, right outside of San Francisco, to ski trip up to Bear Valley and even a week in the beautiful Hawaii. I'm going to talk about the Hawaii trip because that was the best trip I have ever made in my entire life.

We started off with a night outside San Francisco International so we could meet all the exchange students that were going on this trip. We were a total of 40 people (36 exchange students and 4 chaperones), The Flight was kind of boring but it was okay because I had the chance to talk and get to know a guy from Norway and a guy from Argentina (he was also my room mate during this trip). A week in Hawaii is like a week in paradise, if you could get a better place because Waikiki beach is not the best beach if you don't want to have a lot of tourists around you.

During the week we went surfing, hiking, traveled around the island, shopping and so much more. It was a wonderful time and it went by so fast that I was sad when we were ready to leave, because I was not ready for that.

To bad Jonatan but off we went back to San Francisco, but the same weekend I did a trip with Rotary again to Bear Valley to snowboard.

To go back to my regular day life in Oakdale, Every day was almost the same, Go up in the morning, go to school come home and relax, play soccer or do drama practice.

In the beginning of my year I played in the Varsity soccer team and did pretty good. People thought I played for the Swedish National Team and I said "yes I do, only if we are REALLY bad soccer team", which I think we are.

From the beginning of March to the end of May, everyday after school I had drama rehearsal for the musical Grease that OHS Drama presented and it was a success. People love it and I did as well performing it. It was awesome. Full house every night. AMAZING!

The Family I had, could not be a better family, they were really awesome. Took me in to their home because I didn't have a family the first two months to stay at and it ended up that I stayed there for the whole year and I'm really happy about that. Thanks so much to the Stogdell family for everything, and a special thanks to Will Trip and his family for also being a family for me during my year in Oakdale.

And of course a thanks to my friends that I got in Oakdale and both of the Rotary clubs that hosted me.

Thank you all!!!

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