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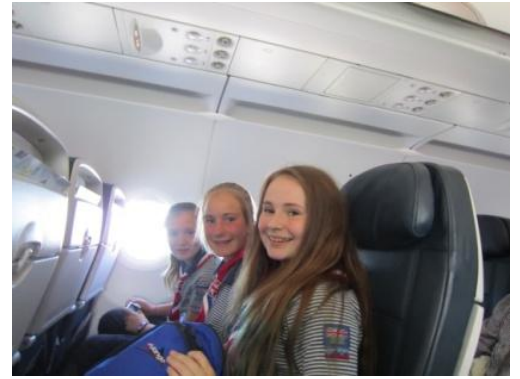
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Luxembourg 'Together 2014' Jamboree



Day One:

I had to get up at 4:45 to get to the airport for half six. We went through customs and got on the plane. It was about an hour flight with an hour's time difference. When we landed, at about half ten, we took a minibus to our camp site, where we set up tents, had dinner and then we had the opening ceremony. It was a tiring day but fun as we got to meet people we would be spending our time with.



Day Two:

This morning we learnt how to make gadgets with logs and string. We made all our own tables and benches that we used for the rest of the camp, although one did collapse while we were having dinner. We also went swimming and played different sports in groups. We did volleyball which was fun but turns out I really cannot play!



Day Three:

Today was one of my favourite days because we got to go and see Luxembourg City for the first time. It is a really beautiful place, all the houses are painted in pastel colours which is really pretty. We had to navigate round Luxembourg City using a map and compass. It was a really fun day.



Day Four:

Today we had a Pow-Wow ceremony where they gave out lots of awards. Then we did lots of activities around the campsite. My favourite was bungee running and the Strongman assault course. We were speaking to the Luxembourg girls in French (which they found very funny so I think we probably need to work on our French) and teaching them to make loom bracelets.



Day Five:

Today was the first day of our big hike. We got on a coach that drove us to our starting point. We had



to carry lots of stuff with us so the walk was very tiring- especially the uphill parts. It took 4 and a half hours to walk 15 km. When we got there we found two tarpaulins over branches and pegged down, that was where we slept and it was surprisingly comfortable.

Day Six:

Today we had to walk back to our camp. All our groups joined up on the way as they all caught up with us. We got lost for about an hour, as we could not find the coordinates, so eventually we had to use the emergency map to get us home, it was a nice rest though. It was a great achievement when we got back. We were hoping for a rest (and preferably a sleep too) but when we got back we were told we were going to walk another 2 km to get to a swimming pool! But it was really fun anyway.

Day Seven:



Today we went on a trip to a Henry Tudor museum and castle. We also had a bit of time to go shopping and then we went across a bridge to have a quick picnic in Germany! I liked the free time



we had that day because we got to buy souvenirs and postcards to send home. This was another really fun day and good to see another part of Luxembourg.

Day Eight:

Today we did some more activities at the camp, we did pinhole camera photography and tight rope walking - both of which were really fun and new to me so it was great to try it. I was surprisingly good at the tight rope walking, but I can't say the same for my photography...

Day Nine:

Today we were woken up at 6:45 and got ready, then went by coach to the sports centre. It was really fun, in the morning we did indoor rock-climbing which was great. We even had a go blindfolded! Then in the afternoon we went swimming in the lake which was COLD! It was really fun because we chose to do those activities and had a really fun but cold day. Later that day we had the 'Holi-Moli' festival where everyone wore white clothes and we all had coloured powders to throw at each other! It was amazing, also very colourful.



Day Ten:

Today was the last day of the actual camp, we packed everything up said our goodbyes and went to our youth hostel where we dropped our bags and took two buses and a train to get to a water park where we spent the afternoon. We also went for a Mexican that night which was our first proper sit down meal in 10 days!



Day Eleven:

We then took two buses and a *double-decker* train to Viande where we went to a medieval festival held at the castle there (where we bought Sue's birthday



present - a lovely medieval princess headdress that we made her wear through customs on the way home to England). We went up in a chair lift, which was really fun and a bit scary, where we did a high ropes course in the Indian Forest before going for dinner at Pizza Hut.

Day Twelve:

Today we were woken up at seven and we packed our bags and made our way to the airport. We had an hour delay on our flight but we landed in England in good time. We said more goodbyes to friends we have all made and I am still in contact with lots of them. It was a great experience and I am so grateful for everyone who helped me to get there. I have tried new things and met some amazing people and I would like to say thank you again for all the help you have given me to make it to Luxembourg.



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