

Youth Work 2011

Friday, March 4 2011 – Monday, March 7 2011, Workshop in Benediktbeuern

Snow Fun, namely snowboard and skiing, were the order of the day in Benediktbeuern. Cultural and nature programs were on the agenda, followed by talks, games and lots of fun during the evening.

Friday, May 13 2011 – Sunday, May 15 2011, Convention in Munich

Friday: After checking in at the youth hostel in Munich there was a joint evening at the Hippodrome on the Theresienwiese.

Saturday: Following breakfast, a guided Munich tour which included the TV-Tower and the Rock Museum were on the programme. Theme of the workshop after lunch was “Unlimited Internet Surfing – Surfing with a Purpose”. A festive evening banquet at the Marriott Hotel was the highlight of the day.

Sunday: Breakfast and return trip

Homestay in Maryland / USA, from July 29 – August 15 2011

The aim of the Youth Program of the FGAC is the furthering, fostering and deepening of friendship between the USA and Germany. The young people from Germany all stayed with American families.

Report of a young girl:

We all met at Frankfurt airport on July 29. After check-in it was time for boarding. The flight was long and tiring, and finally we landed in New York, where we spent the first three days.

On the first day we visited the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the day after Times Square, Wall Street, Rockefeller Center, 5th Avenue as well as Broadway, of course. On the last evening we went up the Empire State Building.

What I liked most in New York were Times Square and the Empire State Building – the many lights and huge billboards in Times Square were breathtaking.

Then we left for Philadelphia, where we saw Amish people in Lancaster County. It was very interesting to see how they still live in these times.

On the way to Baltimore we stopped in Ocean City for a swim in the Atlantic Ocean, and then we went on to Washington, where we had a guided tour after our arrival. We visited two history museums, Madame Tussauds, the Lincoln Memorial and of course, the White House. I was so thrilled to see the White House for real and to stand next to Lincoln's statue.

Unfortunately, that was it and we travelled on through Habers Frey National Park and Skyline Drive, which I liked a lot. At last we arrived with our Homestay families in Oakland.

For six days two girls of our group and I stayed with a fantastically nice family, where we had loads of fun and laughs. It was great to stay with a family because it gives you insight into American family life.

We did loads of stuff, for instance swimming under a waterfall and shopping with our two guest sisters. We felt really happy because our family made us welcome right from the start. After the

fabulous six –day stay we had a tearful good-bye from our family because we had to take our leave to the airport.

After the final check-in there was some free time before boarding and the shorter, but still tiring flight home. Our families waited for us, and after collecting our luggage we all said a final good-bye and returned home to all parts of Germany.

German-American Day 2011 in Hamburg:

Saturday, October 8 – Sunday, October 9 2011

Saturday: Harbor City tour comprising old warehouses, harbor, docks, Hamburg City with a talk on the history of immigration and emigration from Hamburg. Afternoon: festive award of the Lucius-D.-Clay Medal.

Sunday: joint breakfast and return.