

Last year, I joined the Canadian English Program with around 23 schoolmates. We stayed in Saskatchewan for almost three weeks and it was an unforgettable and treasurable experience.

In this program, the students needed to go to school Mondays to Fridays from 8:00am to 12:00 pm; we also had the extra-curricular activities after school. During the rest of days, we spent all the time with our host families.

First of all, I would like to talk about my school life in Canada. Unlike the classes we have in Hong Kong, the Canadian teachers taught us phonics and vocabulary through games and activities. It was very relaxing and we could easily remember what we had just learnt and had the flexibility to use it. Beside the classes, other joyful experiences of the school there was the extra-curricular activities. We played mini-golf, baseball, tennis, bowling, and so on. Those activities were really entertaining and interesting. My most favorite part of the school day was the activities. I remember that one time we went to swimming and I don't know how to swim at all. However, I went to the water slides again and again! That's really a new and exciting experience for me.



Besides the school days, we had host families. There were a host mother and host daughter in my host family, and I was the only student to stay in my host's home. To describe them, there is no word better than 'cool'. They took me to a bachelor party and pub. We listened to the music and danced, and had happy conversations. That was my first time to go to a bachelor party and pub. Luckily, this was an awesome experience. My host mother also took me to the Western Development Museum. I saw a lot of different and interesting things there.



During the rest of our days, we spent all our time together. We cooked and did the gardening work together. During the last days of the trip, they shopped with me and gave me a doll as a gift.

I learnt a lot during the trip. I still remember that I was so concerned about my English in the first few days, and was quite afraid to talk to the Canadian teacher and my host family. However, as long as I tried to talk to them, I find out that they were really good listeners. They didn't care about your grammar or the how much vocabulary you knew, they tried to understand you and respond to you. You will be more confident and know more about the communication skills after the trip. Also, it can spread your horizons. That's all I've gotten from the trip.