

## August Report for Xianne Williams

Denmark is great. I arrived on August 12 so I've been here 2 weeks tomorrow (August 26). I'm 7 hours ahead.

The people are great and the food might be better. We eat a lot of salmon and cake and sweets in general we also eat this bread called "mørke Brød" which translates to dark bread and it's really healthy for you. We also eat "flødeboller" (pronounced FLU BA LA) and "rumkugler" (RUM COOLER). My favorite food so far has been beef and potatoes and salad that I had at my first host family's house. And also cake with blackberries and raspberries inside. The Danes are also very fond of kaffe. They drink it morning noon and night. Kids in Denmark are also big supporters of bread with butter and slices of thin chocolate (don't knock it til you try it. It's actually good).

I started school last week and it's going good. They do it a bit differently here. I am with the same class of people all day and we go to different classrooms with different teachers. We can go out for lunch and we go outside and take breaks during class a lot which is really nice. However it's really common here for kids to smoke cigarettes and I'm not a fan. I also didn't realize that the girls and guys use the same ( I don't really care it was just surprising because I'm not used to it). But other than that it's been great so far.

Right now I'm with my counselor and I get to ride my bike to school and it's really nice (it's only like a 10 min ride) but I move in with my first host family (1/3) on the first of September and then I will have to take the bus. I'm also really close to downtown Aalborg (the city I'm staying in) and I can go shopping every day. It's strange though because all the non-restaurant places close at 5:30. Tomorrow I start intro camp where I will hopefully learn some more Danish as I don't know very much right now (but everyone says I'm doing really good and that I already know more than some of the old exchange students that didn't try to learn the language). Then after Intro camp ends on the 31st I will start Danish lessons at a language school near my normal school. I've also taken up figure skating (I know crazy) but it's going good so far and I'm really excited. So yep that's the haps.

Farvel,

*Xianne*