

## September RYE Report by Xianne Williams

Intro camp was a blast. I met lots of exchange students, ate (probably a bit too much) food, learned lots of Danish, and had fun dancing and playing games all week long.

At the beginning of September I moved in with my first host family. I was a little nervous at first but they are absolutely amazing! They are always laughing and everyone is always making jokes and playing pranks (including me). I'm really comfortable and I already know where they keep all the good snacks and candy.

My new house is farther away from my school so I usually take the bus. It's about a 5 minute walk to the bus stop at the AAU (Aalborg University) then a 25 minute bus ride and then another walk of about 10 minutes to my school. Taking the bus is fine but my favorite part is getting to walk outside every day because it is something I'm not used to in Kansas and also because it is really nice to get some fresh air.

I also really enjoy having family dinner every night. I think it's great that they carve out (an occasionally long) chunk of time to sit down and enjoy the food they have made and the company they are in. (And when I say long I mean that 6 o'clock dinner turns into 10 o'clock!) Uno games with tea and candy, but nonetheless it is always an exceptionally hygge time). So far this month my host family has taken me to Lego Land, Skagen and some other cool places (but Skagen is by far my favorite).

Something I found and still find a bit strange (not that I'm against it) is that the kids in Denmark have so much trust with their parents they are trusted to sleepover at their significant others house and they are trusted to come home from bars at 3 in the morning. And at a young age they are trusted to take the bus alone or ride their bike to school. It's just a very different environment (not necessarily better or worse, just different).

School is going well ( even though I don't really do much because it all in Danish) I've been going to sprogscole ( aka language school) I have it twice a week and while I think the lessons are a little too basic I always have a great time talking with the other exchange students. I have some good friends at my school and some really amazing exchange student friends from sprogscole.

Overall I'm still loving the rainy weather, and I still think the cake tastes delicious. So yep that's the haps. Tak for læsning,