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September arrives, the back to school bell rings and students head back to the "halls of learning" at Howe Sound Secondary. Among the numerous students heading back, two new students are stepping into a whole new culture in a new country.

Welcome to Sara Morales, of Pola de Laviana in the north of Spain and Nora Kleffmann from Osnabrueck, in northern Germany. They are the "Squamish Rotary International Youth Exchange Students" who will be here for the year immersed in life at Howe Sound Secondary as well as community life in and around Squamish.

Both Sara and Nora are 16 years old and are attending Howe Sound Secondary School. Sara is the youngest of four children and is the shot put champion for her category in her home province of Asturias. Nora lives with her mom and dad and her dog, Chika. She loves to ski, read and play the flute. Both girls ride horses and are looking forward to their year in Squamish, making new friends and enjoying our Canadian culture.

In a Rotary Youth Exchange program, host families are set up and students are partnered with each family for 3 months. Host families go through a family/volunteer screening and training process. Students are also assigned two counsellors during their year, one a Rotarian and one a non-Rotarian and they check in regularly with the students. The whole process of selecting "inbound" and "outbound" students starts well in advance so all is in place in late August when the students arrive. The two outbound students from Squamish Rotary this year are Abbey Heilig who is in Puebla, Mexico and Logan Bennett who is in India.



Sara Morales



Nora Kleffmann

Interested in being a host family for an International Student or do you have a son or daughter who would like to experience a year in another country?

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