

Miguel Lefevre

2018-19 Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Switzerland



Miguel, the son of Kim Lefevre and Liliana Perez-Lefevre, attended Kelowna Secondary School where he completed grade 11 in June of 2018. He is the youngest of four children in the Lefevre family.

Miguel arrived in Switzerland on August 14th and anticipates that he will return in late July of 2019. He is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Luzern-Seetal and with host families in Luzern.

Miguel has a special interest in music and while in Kelowna shared his musical talents while being as a member of three bands at Kelowna Secondary and in the Okanagan Symphony Youth Orchestra. He also enjoys fencing, attending movies, reading and certainly spending time with his friends and family.

Miguel's Host City.....

Luzern, better known as Lucerne in Canada, is a city in central Switzerland in the German-speaking part of the country. Luzern is the capital of the canton of Luzern and part of the district of the same name. With a population of about 81,401 people (as of 2017), Luzern, located on the shores of Lake Luzern, is the most populous city in Central Switzerland, and a nexus of economics, transportation, culture, and media of this region. The city's urban area consists of 17 municipalities and towns located in three different cantons with an overall population of about 250,000 people (as of 2007).





Miguel's Host Rotary Club.....

The Rotary Club of Luzern-Seetal, founded on 19 May 1970, with Rene Arnold as 2018-19 President, has a membership of 67. The club is situated in District 1980.



Rotary Club Luzern-Seetal



The club makes contributions to projects in China, Haiti and the Gambia for humanitarian aid. The club's community service and independent foundation continue to support diverse, regional projects in the areas of social affairs, culture and society. Each year, the RC Lucerne-Seetal allows two young people from their club area to spend a year abroad. At the same time, two students from all over the world, including Miguel in 2018-19, are provided with the opportunity to familiarize themselves within Luzern for a year with the German language and above all with Switzerland.

Miguel's School Life.....

Miguel attends Kantonsschule Seetal Secondary School which serves 400 students. He attends Langzeitgymnasium 4a, which is similar to grade 11. Classes began at 7:45 every day and continue to 3:45 or 5:10 depending on the school day. Most classes are 70 minutes in length.

Miguel is very active in band which means that every Tuesday and Friday night from 8:00 to 10:00 pm he is extending his educational experiences. In addition, he attends Orchestra every Saturday morning at 9:00 am.



Miguel's Rotary Experiences.....

During his first month of his exchange, Miguel was actively engaged in a language course with other RYE students. Since then, with a GA train ticket provided to Miguel by his host Rotary club, which means he has access to trains, boats and busses for free, he has the opportunity to explore his home city and places beyond, including Zurich.

During the fall break Miguel visited Geneva, Bern, Basel, Zurich, Emmen, Freiburg, and Zug. His host family also took him during the fall break into Germany to see their relatives. While in Germany, he visited Munich where he attended the Oktoberfest, visited Frankfurt, and dipped into Austria to see Salzburg.

