



YFA TRAVEL DOCUMENT

Seeing the world with the YFC Discovery Programme

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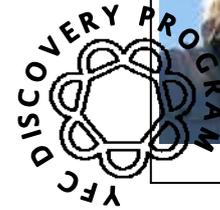
CLUB: Ridware YFC

DESTINATION: Canada

TYPE OF TRIP: U21's 4H Homestay exchange

DURATION: 5 weeks

DATES OF TRAVEL: 2007



DESCRIPTION OF TRIP:

4H is the Canadian equivalent of YFC but the maximum age is 21. My exchangee, Whitney came from the province of New Brunswick and this is where I spent most my time in Canada.

My first 2 weeks were spent with my exchanges family on a small mixed beef cattle farm in the South East of the province. The Estabrooks' family were very welcoming and I soon felt at home, I helped with some of the daily chores on the farm and most days went visiting many attractions and sites. I went to P.E.I (Prince Edward Island) which is an island connected to new Brunswick with a 13km bridge. I also visited Shediac which is a small fishing village on the coast and is home to the largest Lobster sculpture in the World. I went to the Maritime fall fair, in the province of Nova Scotia - I got to see members of Whitney's 4H club trimming, clipping and showing cattle for one of their 4H competitions. I also went along to watch a Rodeo, which was a really amazing experience.



My Third week was spent with Kourtney and her husband Dave in St John, in the south of the province. Again this was a lovely filled week, myself and Kourtney are both Pharmacy technicians and I went with her to work to see how its done in a different country, I got to see a lot of the local area including passing over the border into the USA.



My next 10 days were spent North of the province on an Ayrshire dairy farm on the outskirts of the village of Pokeshaw with the Riordan family. Here I was able to help with the milking. I was taken to see Ice Hockey games, I got to meet the mayor of Bathurst, the local town. I also went horse back riding to a maple Syrup factory.

My last week was spent with my first host again and then I parted to Toronto for my last few nights as part of the national 4H conference- here I met 4H members from all over Canada and I gained so much experience of how the farming and peoples way of life varies so much across the country. I gained so much experience and made so many friends from this trip. I also went to visit Niagara falls and CN tower as part of the conference and I went to the Royal Winter fair.

I also attended conferences on small farm management and animal health projects.

Upon return from my trip I have given talks to 2 clubs in the County and hope they will be able to share their great experiences with others on return from any trip they take part in.

I would like to thank all my host families for being so welcoming and generous throughout my visit and also I'd like to thank YFA and 4H for organising the trip.

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