



YFA TRAVEL DOCUMENT

Seeing the world with the YFC Discovery Programme

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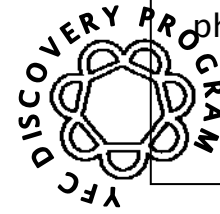
CLUB: Stone YFC

DESTINATION: USA

TYPE OF TRIP: Homestay

DURATION: 6 weeks

DATES OF TRAVEL: July/August 2002



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DESCRIPTION OF TRIP:

I was lucky enough to be selected for a homestay trip to Maryland, USA after the interviews at Stoneleigh.

My trip started on the 1st of July 2002, arriving at Washington, Dulles. I travelled over with Sarah Westwood, from Notts YFC and Sara Downs from Wales YFC.



We stayed with three families altogether and they were excellent; they made us feel really welcome and like a member of the family. I was over there for my 21st birthday and my first and second family took me out to a Mexican restaurant and Six Flags, their theme park.

I experienced a week of 4H camp, where they work in Indian tribes and I was a "big foot"

teaching English games, or trying to! The sort of games we played was Netball, Cricket and Tug-o-War. At camp, I also went on a nature walk to a bog, which we were all getting stuck in.

I also visited the U.S.D.A., which is a Government Research farm; they have lots of different units; e.g. Dairy, arable, poultry, also have had several cloned animals.

At the end of my trip, I had been to eight different States and Sarah, Sara and I decided to take an extra week to travel to New York, Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada.



It was such a good trip and I recommend it to anyone. You just have to pay for your flights and insurance. I wrote off to sponsors to help me with this, some were kind enough to help, SC Fees, Hallmark Tractors Ltd and Pete Darlington, Agricultural Engineer.



If you would like to know more about the trip, please feel free to contact me.

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