

Living the American dream

America. I was able to go on a school trip to America. Stepping foot into a home which I barely knew, living at someone else's house, and the best thing, meeting new people. It was like living the American dream in Millis.

There are two highlights of my trip. First of all, the pool party. Yes, people have swimming pools in their backyard. Sami, who was hosting Ruby, a friend of mine, has a swimming pool. So we held a pool party on Saturday and it was 'wicked' (= really) fun. The thing I really liked about this, was the fact that we got to know each other really well. At the end of the day it felt like everyone had been friends with each other for years, even though we had just met them. And of course, the weather, it was so lovely.

The other highlight of my trip was the friendship we made with the American kids. From the very first day that I met them, I immediately knew we could all get along with each other very well. And as I expected, we did. At the end of the week we had to say goodbye to each other and it was really sad. We cried. That's when I knew that we had developed a great friendship.

Most of the nights we got together with the whole group just to sit by the fire place and chat with each other. On these sort of the nights I realised that this 'workweek' didn't feel like a school trip, but it felt like vacation. But still, we had to go to school, which I actually enjoyed doing. In the lessons itself, we didn't had much to do, but the fact of being in an American high school, sitting at a table in America, made it very exciting.

This was a week to remember. For me, it was like living the actual American dream. I'm so grateful that I was able to do this. I could not wish for a better school trip. Thank you Jpt, for organising these kind of trips. I made a lot of new friends and I'm so excited for April, when the Americans are coming to visit the Netherlands.