

Exchange 2010 - our highlights

Milan(MI)-Wuppertal

When we started our trip on 26th September, 2010 we had some expectations but also many questions: “What will it be like?” or “Which experiences will we make?” and stuff like that. Then, in our three weeks in America, we got to know many things and places.

And now we want to tell you about our highlights:

5th day: The first big highlight. We didn't go to high school this day, but made a great trip to *DETROIT*! A big American city! WOW! Our sightseeing began in the *MOTOWN-Museum*, showing the importance of music for Detroit, or the other way round: (of Detroit for Motown music).

We walked down the streets through downtown and were very impressed. In Detroit's *Hard-Rock-Café* everyone bought a T-shirt, so they will be able to say: “Hey, I was in Detroit!” ☺ But the most impressive thing for me on this day was, when we were walking along the *Detroit River*, and saw *Canada* on the other side of it! Grand view!

The next days were full of anticipation for *Mackinac Island*, where we spent our first weekend. And we were not disappointed! A ferry took us there and what we already saw here was awesome! I think, everyone was enthusiastic about this beautiful island. And we could spend our time there in whichever way we wanted. Some enjoyed buying souvenirs, others relaxing in the pool, and some friends of mine and me, made a tandem-tour around the whole island. We had so much fun! And Mackinac Island was really a beautiful highlight of our time in America!

The next weekend, everyone could make different experiences. Family-weekend! Some had the possibility to see *Niagara Falls* or to visit *Chicago*. Others went to *Ohio's "Rock'n'Roll Hall Of Fame"* or a Safari-Park. Some of us just spent their “family-days” with their Americans in *Milan*, doing some nice things.

There were trips with we whole German group, trips with all the people involved in the exchange and times everyone only spent with his or her family.

And for sure, big trips like the one to Detroit or Mackinac were very impressing.

But I would say that were also very enjoyed other activities, we just did all together, for example visiting high school, watching a football game, our trip to *Cedar Point*, the *Zap-Zone* or birthday parties and potlucks.

These were three wonderful weeks, we had with great people, we met.

Thank you for an unforgettable time! ☺

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