

K&S Trip to Germany

The **Youth Hostel** was in the middle of Ratzeburg and was situated next to a lake. The food was quite good. The first night we had homemade pizza. The two flavours were pepperoni and vegetarian. For breakfast every day we had cereal, different types of bread and salami, ham and cheese. There was also orange juice, hot chocolate and jams and some fruit. The next two nights we had pasta. There were vending machines that sold Spezi (Coke and Fanta orange). There was another one for ice cream and one for sweets and chocolates. There were 'ping pong' tables just outside where we had mini tournaments and a field where we played football every evening.

The **morning swims** before breakfast in the lake were great fun! Although the water was absolutely freezing we still enjoyed ourselves. About 50 metres into the lake there was a platform with two slides on it. The swim to the platform wasn't easy but when we arrived we were warmed up. After a few minutes sliding into the water we were ready to have a warm shower in the youth hostel. Mr Stubberfield and Mr Hogan were very tough men who went swimming with us.

The **cinema** was not at all far away from the Jugendherberge, the youth hostel, so on Tuesday we went there. We watched "Night in the Museum 2", an amusing movie. Not many of us understood everything, but Arty, who was sitting next to me, had seen it in English, so he translated it for me. We all laughed when we discovered that Ryan broke one of the cinema chairs.

I think we all really enjoyed the **Three Muscle Tour**. The first task was a 'Draisine' a cart on a disused railway line which you had to propel by hand by simply pushing a massive lever up and down. While waiting for our conference bikes to be prepared we had a while to try out loads of weird and wacky bikes, including a mini bike, a bike that you peddle backwards to go forwards and one that you steer left to go right. We got on our team bikes and raced each other to the shore of the lake. Then we all got in a 20 man dragon boat and paddled across the lake. My personal favourite was the bicycle.

The **Hallenbad (indoor pool)**, was great fun because we got to jump off

a high diving board, where we could try different things such as flips and high dives and belly flops. This was funny because some people weren't that good at it but we had so much fun. We went to the Hallenbad straight after we did the bike riding and the canoeing. We had to get showered before we went into the pool otherwise the lifeguard would go mad at us which was quite funny.

On Wednesday we went to **Travemünde** and did some treetop climbing. Treetop climbing was definitely the best thing about Germany because it was the most fun.

On Thursday morning we went on a one hour bike ride. When we finished we had a short break and then we went on a **LONG (3 hours) canoeing trip**. When we arrived Mr. Stubberfield tipped our canoe, which got us all soaking wet. On the way back to the Youth Hostel we found the rope swing. It was a long rope tied to the top of a tree. A few people had a few swings, which was really good fun and then we headed to the Hallenbad (indoor pool). I enjoyed the bike ride and the canoeing but my favourite activity had to be the rope swing.

In **treetop climbing** you had to put safety equipment on, then we climbed a ladder to get to the first base (there were 25 bases). Then you had to hook a safety line to you, then you hook a zip wire attachment to the safety line that goes above you and then walk across different types of obstacles that are in midair. The tenth base was a giant zip wire it was really fun.

After the treetop climbing and seeing the Baltic Sea we took a train to **Lübeck**, which was full of historical buildings. We then went off in small groups to explore and do a bit of shopping. My group found a small café that served Currywurst and Spezi, mmm! We then went for dinner in a restaurant, which was a bit like a buffet with the whole group. We then took the train back to Ratzeburg train station."

The trip was well organized and Miss Edwards was always very punctual. We had breakfast very early, at quarter to eight, because we didn't want to waste the day sleeping. We had a great time and I can't wait till next year.

