

Wednesday, 15th of July

Wednesdays are special days on Summer Courses. We don't sit in classes, as we usually do, instead we have lessons outside.

That is why yesterday all students (in their course groups) had a trip around Gränna city.

The trip consisted of three different stations- Candy Cane shops, the Balloon and Andree Museum.

Our goal was to try to remember as much as we could, because in the evening we were supposed to have tip walk, during which we would be asked questions about the whole day!!

Our group started the trip from the Candy Cane (called Polkagrisar here, in Sweden) shops, where Eric, one of the houseparents, showed us how to make them. Then he also gave us some to taste. The next station was the balloon. Three men showed us how the balloon looks like inside and outside, they also talked about balloon history. At the end, we were able to fly a bit in it in groups of two or three people.

After lunch my group went to Andree Museum, where we learned about his journey to the North Pole- what distance did he overcome in the balloon, we could see what he took with him for the trip and read pieces of his diary.

During free time there were lots of things to do- some people went to the city, to the computer room or to the gym. At 7pm we started the test- there were 10 different questions we had to answer and then Noemi organized a competition which decided who would be the winner! The competition was sometimes tiresome, however working in teams we had a great time!

/Anna

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Well, we were at a castle and it was very dark on the first floor, but on the second and third floors it was good. I went to the market with Erik and two of the Lukas's. I had no money with me so I did not buy anything.

When we were in the church I first thought it was a joke about the ghost because the receptionist didn't know any thing about it but she told me that the person who was painting the inside of the church fell and died.

Vadstena monastery was interesting but every thing except the well was destroyed.

Emil

Wednesday, 15/8-2009 Vadstena

We got up a little bit later than usual because we were going on a trip to Vadstena. We left Gränna at 09.45 on a bus from Jönköping. We arrived at Vadstena Castle a little bit later and then we had a guided tour around the castle. The guide was quite good but there were so many rooms inside the castle so it got boring after a while. After that we looked around outside the castle on our own. Outside there was a medieval market. At 13.00 we had lunch in the park and after lunch we walked to a church. We looked around inside the church for a ghost who was painted on a wall. It was really small and was hidden quite good. It was hard to find that ghost but finally we saw it. When we were finished with the church you could do what you wanted so I decided to look around a bit more in the park. There were different things you could buy like jewelry and ice-cream. It was sunny and the air was hot so we went swimming in the lake. It was fun and relaxing. Our next stop was Alvestra where we had dinner and we also played the Swedish game brännboll. It was the teachers against the school students. And surprisingly the teachers won that game.

I played some football and then we all went back to Grennaskolan to sleep.

/Mathilda

Saturday, 18th and Sunday, 19th of July

It was our second weekend here, in Grennaskolan, that is why we were supposed to do something special... Instead of having lessons of course, all students took a "bicycle trip" to Visingsö - a small island near Gränna city.

Unfortunately, on Saturday we couldn't sleep as long as we wanted, however it didn't ruin our weekend moods. At 10.30am we rode a boat to the island, then each of the students got his own bicycle. We were divided into three groups and we started our medieval adventure =).

It was really fun to try some new things, like archery, axe-throwing and blow guns.

I had never tried any of them before, so this has been a totally new experience for me. Everything was perfect, in spite of really bad weather - it was cold and as soon as we began activities it started to rain. Sometimes it was tuff and many of us were very tired riding bikes. Although some of the students also had small crashes on their bicycles, no one was seriously injured. When we arrived at the camping place, we looked for our tents trying to reserve the best sleeping places.

After a while we were organized into several nine people groups and we played paintball!! It was so cool! =) Many of us had never played it before, that is why they were shooting everywhere and everyone, often their own teammates!! =)

In the morning (after a really tough and uncomfortable night with fifteen people in the tent), teachers organized for us a "ski

competition”- four people on each team all stood on two planks and were supposed to walk some distance and come back. I had a really good team, we got second place in the first group, however we didn’t make it to the final.

After lunch we started packing up and couldn’t wait until we were back in Gränna and started the movie” marathon” in our girls’ dorm! =)

/ Anna

July 20. 2009

On Saturday morning we went on a boat to Visingsö, the weather was quite nice when we arrived there. The first thing we did was that we split the group into three smaller groups. I was in group one. We walked to the bikes then when everybody had got a bike and a helmet we started to bike around the island. We biked for a long time but it was nice because the island was flat. so it wasn’t so difficult. Group one arrived at a fort where we got to look around and then a guide talked about Medieval times. He also showed us some Medieval clothes. We went back to the other groups where we had lunch. After that we rode to the 3rd activity witch was bow and arrow. I think it was hard because I haven’t done it before. The last thing that we did was axe-throwing. We were standing behind a line and then we tried to hit the target with the axe. When we were standing there it started to rain. So we went back to the tent. Sophia and I were packing up our staff in the tent and then we went out .We just walked around for a while and then we ate dinner.

The best thing during the day was paintball. We put on some clothes and then we were two teams who fought against each other. It was fun but it also hurt a bit when the ball hits your body. We went to sleep about 01.00 but it was hard to sleep because it was so cold inside our tent. But after a while we fell asleep.

The second day we woke up and the first thing I heard was that it was raining, so we just relaxed in our tent and listened to some music. When we went out of our tent it was still raining but we did some team-building activities things and then finally we went home to Gränna.

/ Matilda

The 23th of July

Yesterday I woke up early and went jogging with Erik and Theo. It was very cold in the morning and I think I got ill. Because now I have a headache and my throat is sore.

After classes, yesterday, we had free time. We could do what ever we wanted to do from 4pm to 9pm. I was in the girls’ dorm where they watched Beowulf

. I also went fencing. It was fun but so sweaty!!! Because we had to wear a big white jumper, sweaty gloves, a helmet I couldn’t breathe in and the blade was really heavy. But still I think the fencing was fun! And now I have some amazing photos of me fencing ☺

After fencing I went to the girls’ dorm again and we played Monopoly. I won of course ☺

In the evening we did limbo. It wasn't as fun as I thought it would be, because we were only five people.

/ Jaros

Friday, the 24 June.

On Friday we had to quit school earlier. We had to assemble at quarter to three on Berghem. Where we would be pick up and driven to "Omberg" where we played soccer-golf. It's a mix between golf and soccer. Instead of regular golf you shoot a football with your feet and are trying to hit a hole. Before we started we spit up into groups with six players on each team. And of course I got in the worst group of the all, Junior. Anders, Quntin, Sebastian, Talal and me. We all sucked and nobody could control their anger. We were yelling and screaming at each other. It must look quite strange and odd but we didn't care. We had a blast.

After the trip we had free-time. During the evening some of the guys and I watched "The Last Samurai". The movie was almost three hours long it was quite fun. I hope that tomorrow in Liseberg will be hilarious with all the roller-coasters and rides..

/ André's journal

The 27th of July

This is our last week here and the days are passing by very fast. I feel like I've known all the people in here for a very long time although I have only known them for two weeks.

Yesterday I didn't feel well in the morning so I went to my room and slept until lunch. After lunch I got better and I went back to school. In school we played Pictionary. I was in the same group as André and he helped the other team, so the other team won. I hate to lose and I hope he had a good reason for causing our loss.

A quarter to 3 we met at Berghem and went on the big bus to Jönköping to go Go-Carting. I love Go-Carting and it went pretty well for me. We had 6 groups with 6 people in each group and every group was allowed to race two times.

The first round I got the best score of all the girls and many guys. I got 27 something seconds on the inside track. And in the second round I got 26.12 witch I am proud of 😊 . But a girl who got the highest score, only beat me by 0.01 second. She got 26.11. ☹

/ Jaros

Wednesday, the 29 June

Yesterday we didn't have any classes in the school. Instead we had a theme day where we visit cultural building and monuments. We speak and listen in English and get to learn about Gränna and the town's history. This Wednesday we visited Brahe house, Röttle village and had a guided tour around the castle on Visings Ö.

Brahe house was quite interesting. Carter, our English teacher told us about the history and way the house was built. Carter spoke about a guy cold Per Brahe how wanted to build a house for his wife. The house is placed at the mountain which has a view over the whole Gränna so that his wife could see what was going on in the city. During the time we were there I talked with Sofia about what we are going to do after this camp. I'm really sad that we already need to go home, I could stay here forever. Every day is more fun than the last. I hope that I can begin attending this school this year.

After we had been at the Brahe house we drove to a village called Röttle which was famous for its mills during the 1700 century. We had a guided tour around the mill, which was so boring. The guy just talked and talked.

When we were finished with the tour we went back to the school for lunch. Ulf, our chef had made a delicious potato "au gratin" which I loved. While we were eating we talked about how fast these three weeks have past. It feels like yesterday we came to this school, new and not sure about ourselves and this environment.

After lunch the English, Math and Swedish three group went to the harbor to take the ferry to Visings Ö. On Visings Ö we visited the the castle "Näs" which by the guide has played a important part in the history of Sweden. This area has an amazing history.

/André's journal