

My English Camp

On Wednesday the 18th of November we went on a great adventure: the first English Camp ever organized by our school.

We met at school at 8:10 am. We left at 8:30 by bus and we arrived in Sant'Agata Feltria at 9:30 am. Our teachers always spoke in English to us and at the beginning it was difficult to understand! At the monastery (where we were staying) first we met Katie, our language expert and teacher and then we went to our rooms to unpack our bags. After a while, we went to the activity room to meet the American guide, Tim O'Connell, who explained to us the rules of the outdoor activity in the woods.

At 10:00 we left for our hike in the woods, and during the trip Tim, gave us information about the area. We had to listen carefully because then we had to answer questions about it. We were divided into groups of five/six students, and each group had an historian, a geologist and a botanist who were supposed to answer the questions about their subject. The walk was very long, it lasted about 5 hours!! After a while, we stopped and had a packed lunch in the wood. The most fun activity was the "treasure hunt", each team had a list of leaves/ berries/ animals/acorns/ chestnuts to find in the woods and the team who found the most got the higher score.

When we returned to the monastery at about 4:00 pm, we rested in our bedrooms for one hour. In the afternoon we played some activities in English with Katie. At about 6 pm we had a snack. Then more activities with Katie until dinner time.

We had dinner at 8:00 pm and, after that, I did my task: I cleaned the tables after dinner. Every student had something to do to help: from laying the tables to cooking or cleaning and washing dishes. It was a lot of work but also fun!!!

At about 9:30 pm we had a pyjamas party: we sang, we danced, we danced the limbo and we watched music videos. A friend of mine played the guitar, and we all sang together. Then we went to our bedrooms. At night we had another private pyjamas party with only

the females of III H: we chatted and we ate a lot of sweets and junk food. We slept about 3 hours!

In the morning we got up at 7:00 am (we were so tired!), and we had breakfast. After breakfast, we played more activities in English and then we went for a walk around Sant'Agata Feltria, we visited the castle and then we returned to the monastery.

At about 1.00 we had a big lunch cooked by Prof. Maroni, we ate a lot! Then the boys of our two classes played a volleyball match. In the afternoon we did more activities in English.

At about 4:30 pm we had English tea and a snack and, as final activity, all the teams were asked to make a poster about a fantasy country. We drew and coloured the poster and then we had to present it in front of everybody. I was really nervous!!! At this point, Katie and our teachers named the winning team (we didn't win but we had a great time!!!) and we finally started to pack up to go back home. Before leaving, we watched the photos that our teacher took during the two days of the camp. Some of them were really funny!!

The "English camp" was a fantastic adventure! Both my friends and I really enjoyed it. I think it was a great idea to organize this trip and I thank all the teachers for giving us this wonderful opportunity. I will never forget it!!!

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