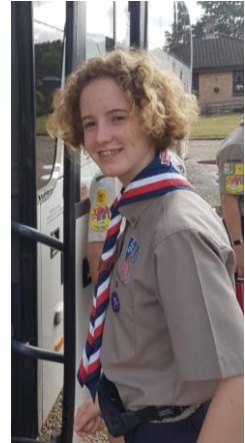


The World Scout Jamboree North America 2019

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We (Unit 19, The Suffolk Teagulls) set off on the 20th of July from Heathrow Airport. The plane ride was exciting, though eight hours long, and there was even a special area and line for the scouts! We arrived at JFK airport, New York to stay at Hofstra university.



The next day, we had a fun time exploring New York City but then we had a seven hour journey to West Virginia University, where we stayed the night. From there it was another three and a half hour coach drive to the

World Scout Jamboree site (That is in the mountains) to Mount Hope, Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia.



There we had the most fun-filled, action-packed and cultural-learned twelve days. The amount of different nationalities of scouts I spoke to was unbelievable and everything I experienced I will never forget. Everyday I took part with my friends in at least one different adrenaline-inducing activity and enjoyed them all, particularly white water rafting and mountain biking. We tried curried crickets, went

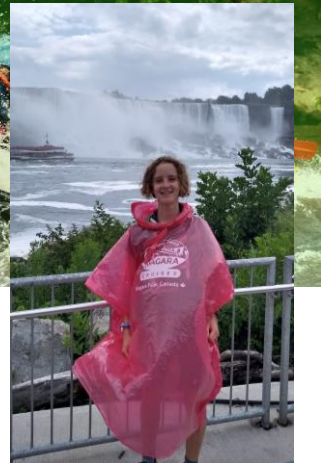
shooting with some Americans, played Norwegian games and got served roibos tea by some South Africans. The photo below is one I

found on the internet where I was doing a great, but intense, two mile assault course with my friend.

After the actual jamboree, our unit went on a seven and a bit hour coach ride to the University of Maryland in Washington D.C. We were there for three nights and we toured around Washington for a day and then attended a major league baseball game.



After that, we all went from Maryland state to the city of Hamilton, Canada, about two hours from the border and Niagara falls. This entire coach ride took thirteen and



a half hours, with just an hour and a half in total of stops. We arrived bleary at our bug-infested log cabin

in the Canadian wilderness, which would have been really cool, had any of us been awake enough to appreciate it.

It was very hot in Canada, just like the US, but we still experienced canadian culture in those two days and three nights by visiting Fort George, Agra fort and Niagara Falls. Then it was another eight hour journey from Canada all the way back to JFK international airport for our seven hour overnight plane ride back to the UK. We were back home.

After spending a day and a half traveling, and functioning the entire jamboree on an average of 5-6 hours of sleep per night and running almost entirely on adrenaline, I think it fair to say we were all seriously exhausted and jet-lagged. The jamboree was worth it all though.

