



First of all, I would like to sincerely thank you for the great time I have spent in Italy. It is hard for me to put into words how much this trip meant to me, that's why it took me too much time.

This year I went for the fourth time on exchange program, its my second time with lions and my first camp and I knew it would going to be great.

It all started on June 28th when I left Mexico. After I don't remember how many hours of traveling and after too many stops (totally worthy), I arrived at the airport in Bologna where my host family were waiting for me. My host stay was at Correggio, small city but beautiful near to Carpi. Within 2 weeks my host family showed me around, their family and friends, the history, food, language, culture, art, architecture and another cities within Italy. I had an amazing time

with them. In less than a week, this family grew so dear to me that I now have one family in Italy. I was so lucky to have them. During my stay I met others who were part of the camp and it was amazing that we could hang out together before the camp.



At the end of week 2, I said goodbye to my host mom at my home and to my host dad and brother at the castle, where my second adventure began. I arrived at the Rossena Castle in Reggio Emilia, where I was to live for the next



10 days.

I was sad and stressed because I had a really good time with my host family and I was worry about the camp and because I did not know my room mates and that was a little bit scary at the begging but after it was the best thing that could happen. After I met the other



campers and the camp leaders that came from all over the world. At the beginning I wasn't very confident with my English and I am always shy, so I didn't want to talk to the others, luckily for me I got more confident and I started making friends and know everyone.

The camp was so special that I was very surprised, all the activities were just perfect, we had introductory games that finally broke the ice, thanks for that because I needed it. We did a lot of fun and unforgettable activities. We had activities at the castle and





others in another cities, we went to Reggio, Ferrara, Parma, Milan, I enjoyed that we had free time so we could do whatever we want.

We had different types of activities, treasure hunt, disco night, pool time, seeing how dogs are trained to help blind people, dinner in the dark, attended the official Lions Opening Ceremony, we went to a Parmesan production (one of my favorite activities), anyway we had a lot of activities.

Campo Emilia allowed me to experience what it's like to be blind. The camp was especially for visually impaired and therefore we have gotten many tasks that deal with the topic of blindness which should help us to put us in "their shoes", in the situation of blind people and to understand them. After this experience, I have a lot more empathy with these special people, and share this experience with them was really nice, I hope everyone can have this kind of experiences even once in a lifetime.



The camp was not only great because we exchanged experiences and had fun (and I found out that Mexico its different

but also we have so many thing similar, and of course everyone wanted some tequila haha), was because of the people, after 10 days I felt that I knew them my entire life, now I know I will have friends for my entire life , well I hope so, we still keep in touch and hopefully one day we can meet again. The end of this experience was the hardest part, saying goodbye to everyone and trying not to cried was difficult and I could not, I hate to said goodbye but its part of the adventure.



After all I don't have any regret, I met amazing really thankful with all the camp leaders and of

people than I don't want to forget. Im course Daniela for all the support, seriously thank you very much for everything you have done for me, I learned a lot from you. I will never forget the camp and I am very happy to have participated.

Poi posso dire loro quanto li amo perché io li amo tanto, GRAZIE MILLE!.

