

In July 2022 I took part in the Youth Camp and Exchange program for the first time in Denmark Camp C (Sustainability and bringing people together) after winning a contest at my school.



It has been an incredible yet chaotic journey. I say this because before my departure I unexpectedly got covid, so I skipped the host family stay, but could still participate in the camp a week later. I arrived two days later than the others, so I wasn't there when this picture was taken, but they made sure to include me by putting my face in a bubble on the right. It makes me smile every time I look at it.

As if covid wasn't enough, during my stay at the camp I also had to take a university entrance test online. The staff was amazing in getting me a quiet room and making it easy for me, so everything went smoothly, and I got in the university of my dreams.

Despite the obstacles, I had one of the most exciting times of my life. I made friends with people from all over Europe and took part in new and challenging activities. I liked the outdoor activities the most, like visiting Aarhus city and the museums. We had enough free time and the activities were balanced to give us the opportunity to bond with each other on our own, even though sometimes we would spend entire days at the camp, and it would become a little boring at some point. Some of the best memories were made during these stays though, like learning how to play badminton by ourselves in the school gym or playing the card game *Werewolf*.



At the start of the first week, we had cleaning turns for the common areas, but during the stay that didn't happen again until the day before we had to leave. I think it is important to have clear turns to be fair and tidy, so that is something I would recommend to address. Apart from that, the organization was great, and the staff always made sure we were at ease and sometimes joined us in the activities bringing fun and lightness. A challenging activity was building a simple wind turbine from scratch, using materials like wood, cardboard, and plastic plates. It tested our skill to work in groups and develop functional ideas.

I would recommend this experience to everybody that can do it, as I will always carry in my heart my lovely friends, the laughs, the adventures, and the calm Denmark scenery.

