



My Taiwanese Experience.

Eugenia Giorgini's report.

I left Italy on the 4th of August, I arrived in Taiwan on the 5th and I came back on the 27th of the same month.

Since I've arrived there, from the day when I left, I've always been with at least 2 or 3 Taiwanese guys. According to the other campers the things that really made this experience special are the people that we have met there.

Usually, the Taiwanese people are really hospitable,

kind and nice, with themselves and with the foreign people but, our camp staff has been really amazing.

Before leaving I checked the camp's program and I was ready to do everything: visit lot of places, practice every kind of sport that they offer me, try every different food, learn lot of things about them and other more things.

Now I am at home and I can assure that what I lived for 24 days was completely better from what I was expecting before. First of all, I am sure that in Taiwan I have new special friends that I will meet again in the future. Second: I am sure that I can say that for 24 days I really lived like a Taiwanese girl and I think that this two points are also two of the main aims of the Lions's Exchange Program.

In Taiwan, from the 5th to the 12th I stayed with the first family that hosted me, after I have been 8 days to the camp and later I passed the last days with another family.

As I wrote before, even if all the campers were hosted from different families, the Taiwanese staff organized lot of meeting between us and,



from the first day, when we met under a bridge and spent all the day together, we became really close. When I write “we” I mean all the campers and all the amazing guys of the staff that stayed with us from the first to the last days.



The Taiwanese people, are really hospitable and kind. They are really proud to be Lions: they are full of Lions’s gadget and show them at every moment. I also talked with some of them, including the President of the District Lin Hshin-Chin and, for them, be a Lions is really a different way to live the normal life.

I also met some Leos, including the president of the Leo Club that give the staff to the camp, Wen, and they know that they are Leos but are a little bit different from the Italian Leos. I mean: the don’t have a lot of reunions. They are helped form the Lions and they usually choose one or two service that the club wants to realize during one year and do them.

During the camp, sometimes, we skip something that was planned but, it happened because the staff give us time to prepare everything (we change the

place where we slept usually every two days) and they give us time for ourselves.

The English is one of the most important thing during this experience. Thanks to it you can really understand and be understood from every country and, even if the first days the leaders talked in Chinese, they were always ready to switch the language and to talk with us. Maybe we run into the problem with the language when we were with our host families but, even if sometimes we used the translator, everything was ok.

So, after only ten days, since I’ve came back, I completely proud of the experience that I lived, infinity grateful to all the guys of the staff: Abby, Pin, Sam, Shueng, Aurora, Heidi, all the others, and of course, I can’t forget our camp director: Chad Lin. Really, thank you for everything.



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