

Northcott Court Student Experiences Trip of a Lifetime

By Joseph Riner



My experience overseas was great. I got to visit England and France for 19 days as a student ambassador with the national People to People Student Ambassador Program. I met a lot of new people and made a lot of new friends. I met important people that youth my age dream of meeting. I was able to meet the guards at Buckingham Palace and some of the Queen's personal assistants. I was also able to see and visit some of the most beautiful sites such as castles, the Eiffel Tower, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the English Channel. I was able to eat some very tasty food such as escargot, frog legs, fish and chips, and lots of pasta. I learned how another culture lives and about their environment.

While in England I got to visit a castle and William Shakespeare's home and see how he lived. I also sailed the English Channel and learned how to Kayak. I also learned survival skills if I fell into the ice cold water. I also learned that Christianity is very popular in England.



France was a lot cleaner than England. While in France I got to go to the top of the Eiffel Tower and visit Paris. Paris is known for two things; it is the City of Love and the City of Christianity. France is also a popular shopping place, especially for women. I stepped into the Louis Vuitton Headquarters but they were closing so I was not able to purchase anything there. Thank goodness!!!!



I was able to stay with a local family whose son was named Joseph too, and he too was fourteen. He and I talked about the differences between America and England such as the price of clothes, electronics, sports, school, and music.

This experience helped me mature in my actions and behavior. It also taught me valuable skills like leadership, communication and responsibility. I want to thank everyone who prayed for me and helped me raise the money I needed to take the trip. It was something I will never forget the rest of my life.

Youth Programs

Andrea Gilman, Youth Programs Coordinator

Operation Right Choice

Marcum Terrace - (Sports Center) Mondays 5pm

Northcott Court - Wednesdays 5pm

The Operation Right Choice (ORC) classes will continue throughout the summer. Teens between the ages of 11-18 are encouraged to attend. Participating in ORC will also allow you to join some of our other youth programs. If you need transportation, please call 522-0576. Come and Join other youth for a summer of fun activities and great learning experiences.

Faces of Leadership Conference

Eight of our ORC students attended this year's Faces of Leadership: "Telling Our Story." The students received a certificate of completion for the Youth Leadership Academy with emphasis on volunteerism, national service, and service-learning.



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ped facilitate a workshop at the conference on team building and ice breaker activities. Over 25 people attended their workshop and later we found out that three of the people in our workshop were from the Governor's staff.



The students demonstrated various team building activities and ice breakers they use at Operation Right Choice classes, RAZE events and Middle School Teen Institute. They did a great job and received some awesome feedback!