

*A report from Carl Kjell, IFYE from Sweden who spent three months in Virginia and has now gone to Kansas for three months:*

Hello!

I have now arrived to Kansas and my first host family. They have four children aged 6 to 16, a dog, two rabbits and a lot of cats. They have a farm with 3200 acres and 250 beef cattle and raise wheat, corn, soybeans, milo and sunflowers. I have helped them with cattle operation and harvesting corn, milo and soybeans. I drove the combine and the trucks sometimes, it was really fun!

I have just had two weeks freetime after I left Virginia. I first visted my relatives in Pittsburgh. They also have a house in Erie, Pennsylvania and we went sailing in Lake Erie and watched a Baseball match.

Then I went by train from Pittsburgh to San Francisco, California, a trip that went trough nine states and took three days.

I changed train in Chicago and I had about 6 hours to spend there, so I went up in Sears Tower -the tallest building in USA- and looked on the view. There was a lot of interesting things to see along the railroad track; giant corn fields, wide-open prairie, Rocky Mountains, desert etc. The Rocky Mountains is gorgeous! When I arrived to SF I lived with a cousin to my relatives for two nights before flew to Kansas. I spent two days in SF and I went to Alcatraz Island, Golden Gate Bridge, China Town etc.

I have now been in the USA three months, it feels like a long time, and I have just been here the half time! But it feels allright, I allways have something to look forward to and everybody here is so friendly.

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