



Student Ambassador

Lasse Blana

Hamburg, Germany



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Lasse Blana from Germany was offered four different school districts to choose from for his study abroad year. After meeting the Sea to Sky Senior Recruitment Advisor at a student fair in Hamburg he decided that Howe Sound Secondary was the perfect fit for him. As he said; "It took me a while to decide and I considered all of them but in the end I fell in love with Squamish because I wanted to experience small town life and I love nature. Also Vancouver is right next to Squamish and the highway has the most awesome view in the world."

Lasse is enjoying his new community and school and has fit right in with the Squamish lifestyle. "What I like best about the community is that everyone is so nice. In school everyone seems to know everyone."

We asked Lasse what he liked best about his classes and he said; "In school, I like the relationships between the

students and between the students and the teachers. I also like the exotic subjects such as mechanics, cooking and Outdoor Leadership.

Lasse wanted to try all the sports and activities that are popular in our region and has taken full advantage of the opportunities. "I like that you don't have to join an outside club to practice your sport because the sports are organized in school. I'm in basketball and we have games in others schools in Vancouver and Pemberton. I joined the jazz band to be able to practice my clarinet and play in a group. Outdoor leadership is really interesting because you learn first aid skills and avalanche skills and actually use them in the field."

Lasse really enjoys his homestay family and has fit in well. "They are so nice to me and care so much. The three little kids ensure that there is action in the house. Though my host parents are

busy with their kids they always find a way to give me a ride when I need one."

We asked Lasse what his feelings will be when he needs to return home at the end of the year; "I'm going to be sad. I'm going to miss my new friends and my host family. I'm will miss the town, the nature and the people. But on the other hand I'm looking forward to seeing my family and my old friends. I hope I'll be able to stay in contact with all of them."

