



Student Ambassador

Tarjei Namtvedt Tuv

Norway



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Tarjei Namtvedt Tuv from Norway really wanted to spend a year abroad and when his agent offered the Sea to Sky School District he jumped at the chance to study in Whistler. As he said; “I have for a long time had a wish of spending a year in an English-speaking country to improve my English, and to learn about and experience a different culture. I love to go snowboarding as much as possible, so Whistler was therefore the perfect place for me to spend my year, because I am able to do it all.”

He really likes his new community and school and has fit right in to the Canadian lifestyle. “I like how people here are very nice and polite, and willing to help if you have any questions. The village is really nice and the mountain is awesome!”

He enjoys school and is particularly interested in law. “Of course, I like to meet other students at school, both

Canadian and internationals. I like law, because I get to see how the Canadian legal system is, and later compare it to what I know about Norwegian laws.”

Tarjei loves sports and played on the school soccer team. He is also an avid snowboarder so he is happy to spend the winter months on the mountain. “I did play on the soccer team, but now that the soccer season is over I don’t participate in any organized sport at school. The mountain is open so I will spend most weekends up there together with my friends.”

We asked Tarjei what impressed him most about the homestay program and the family we placed him with. He said; “What I like best about my homestay is that how friendly they are, and how it seems that they do what they can for me to have a great year here in Whistler. They are active and interested in sports, just like I am. They are helping

me when I need it, and they make me feel very welcome.”

Tarjei will be returning home to Norway at the end of the academic year. We asked him what he will feel when he returns to Norway. “When I go back home I will feel both happy to get back to my Norwegian friends and family, but also sad to leave the friends I made here and Whistler as a place. I am sure that I will feel lucky for the opportunity I got to stay here, and that I took it.”

