

Hello everyone. I have been staying in Sudbury, Ontario since Aug.27. Now, I'm surprised that over a month has already passed. This month had gone quickly. Sudbury is in the northern part of Ontario and famous for mining, nickel, and beautiful nature. At the first week, I thought Canada is much colder than I expected, but I got used to that now. You can see trees whose leaves turn red, and gorgeous clear sky during Sudbury's late summer and autumn. Today, I'm going to introduce my life here!

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I arrived at my Temporary Host Family's house on Aug 27. As I said, I didn't know how Sudbury is cold, so next day, we went to thrift stores and surprisingly I got seven things in 2000 yen. From 29 to 31, we went to Manitoulin Island for camping. I put the picture of morning from there on bottom of this document. Manitoulin Island is in Lake Huron, and it is known as the largest freshwater island in the world. I love this place and the three days I spent there. Camp fire, walking, Bocca game, corn on the cob etc. Camping Park was like a community, and everyone was kind and friendly to everyone. At night, my host family and I sat around the campfire and chatted and ate s'more with neighbors. It was fun and relaxing time. With my permanent host family, I like to watch movies and K-drama. We always put on the English subtitles when we watch K-drama. Of course, I sometimes find it hard to understand, so I pause it, and my host family explains what is happening to me. I love this time because I feel like I'm learning English.

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Unlike in Japanese schools, Canadian students take the same four subjects every day for a whole semester. This semester, I'm taking Canadian History, English as a Second Language, Visual Arts and English. Each class is 75 minutes long, which I find a bit too long. However, the last class finishes at 2:15, meaning students can go home earlier than in Japan. I remember every day when I was in elementary school. Which schedule do you prefer? Canadian history is my favorite class in this semester. I need to read long sentences and vocabulary, which are very difficult, but studying is interesting. More than anything, the teacher is funny. The club system is also different here. Here, students choose clubs each season: autumn, winter and spring. I'm in the international club, the badminton club, the drama club and the tech crew. None of the clubs I belong to have started yet except the international club, so I'm practicing tennis as a try out. Practicing tennis is incredibly enjoyable and I can enjoy conversation with friends.

On first few days, I felt lonely. But thanks to my host family and the pets, my friends and supporters around me I'm getting used to here. I expect that these 10 months are going to be hard but beautiful experiences with them. Thank you for reading this. Please look forward to my next report. Bye-bye!



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