

"Shade is an outdoor enthusiast and has curiosity about the environment and world around him."

## Lär känna Shade

Shade är född 2009 och kommer från USA. Han kommer i augusti 2025 och stannar under en termin. Intressen är bl. a brottning, friidrott, fotboll, löpning och utomhusaktiviteter. Hans favoritämnen i skolan är historia och träslöjd.

Dear Host Family,

First of all, thank you so much for choosing to host an international student. It is greatly appreciated. My name is Shade, I am fifteen years old, and live in the Pacific Northwest of the United States. I grew up in a small town off the grid without electricity or running water. The town I grew up in is a small forest settlement on a famous peninsula in the northwestern region of the United States.

I have two sisters; my half sister is 6 and my full sister is 18. Both of whom I love to spend time with. My dad has an identical twin who has two children, so genetically his two children are also my half siblings. It is really nice to have a close family. I live a very family-oriented life; my best friends are in my family. Every year a few days before Christmas, my dad's side of the family has a reunion called "The Lundberg Christmas".

I am currently in the ninth grade. At school, I enjoy weight training and geometry. I participate in many sports such as wrestling, cross country, soccer, and track and field. Wrestling is my favorite of these sports because I love how it physically pushes me in a way that you don't get from doing other things. I've been wrestling with my dad since I was little, but I've been wrestling formally at school for three years.

When I'm home, I try to spend most of my time with my family, but I also make sure to make time for homework. I often go out with my sister's dog Chino, who I like because he gets me outside. Another passion of mine is drawing. I enjoy depicting mountainous landscapes and dense forests. My family lives on the edge of a nature reserve, which we spend a lot of time enjoying. I love living in nature. It feels biologically correct and peaceful without the constant noise and bustle. My father owns 5 acres of forest on the side of a mountain very close to where I was born. We are currently building a house on top of a stone terrace overlooking the forest on the side of the mountain.

A lot of my father's family is of Swedish descent. That's a big part of the reason I want to go there. My family and my ancestors are very important to me and going where they lived would be a very special thing. Another reason I want to go to Sweden is because I want to become fluent in Swedish. I've tried to learn Swedish here, but it's very hard to learn and pick up the accent without being able to talk to people at some point during the day. When I get back (hopefully fluent in Swedish) I want to teach my dad Swedish as well.

One thing I hope to take away from this experience is having lifelong friends who share my interests. Thanks again for choosing to be my host family.

Kind regards, Shade

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