<u>Reisebericht</u>

Friday 10/7/11

Today we started our trip to the US .We all met at the bus stop at school at 6.45 and left there with the bus at 7.00.After driving about an hour and picking up our principal Mrs. Geisler from Oldenburg we finally arrived the airport.There we got our boardung passes, went through the security check and waited for the flight which was my first one. Then in Frankfurt we got our flight to Detroit .We arrived in Jackson after about a little less than nine hours flying and a bus ride from Detroit to Jackson, where we met our exchange students at the Jackson High School. When I had my bags we drove to the house of Cija, my exchange student. They told me I only had a little time to get ready for a trip they had planned, so I just packed my bag for the trip and we had dinner and then drove to Cija's aunt in Indiana.

Saturday 10/8/11

After sleeping shortly because of the jetlag we continued driving to St. Louis, Missouri. At this first trip I have been in three other states than Michigan, which are Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

We arrived at the camping place, where we would sleep in a cottage, in the evening, just leave our things there and go again for eating and after that for going to the city museum in St. Louis. In the museum you could climb through a lot of tunnels (after that your knees where blue!)Until you got to the large roof, where you could almost see whole St. Louis and which had a big wheel on it.



Sunday 10/9/11

In the morning we drove to the Arch, which is 192m high (you are really able to go to the top of the building) and has a museum under it



After that we went to the zoo in St. Louis, but because of the really high temperatures we left early and then already started the first part of the trip back to Jackson.

Monday 10/10/11

After we had slept in the house of Cija's aunt again we had breakfast at the place where the aunt's husband, Dimitri, who is actually from Greece, works.

Then we drove the last part of the trip and went to the welcome party at the cafeteria of the Jackson High School in the evening.

Tuesday 10/11/11

This was my first day in the school, where we first had breakfast with the principal of the Jackson High School and then everyone went to the classes of his or her exchange student, which meant for me Chemistry and German.



In the afternoon Cija and I met Rebekka und Lea in a park to see a cross country run of Maddy, the exchange student of Rebekka.

In this evening we drove to a girl scout meeting.

Wednesday 10/12/11

This day we went on a trip to a Buffalo farm, where we could feed the Buffalos and drove to the Ganton car museum after that.

Later we met at a lake for canoeing.

Thursday 10/13/11

We went on another trip with the exchange group, this time we went to a church and after that to the YMCA, a sport's center.

When we came back from school Cija and I went to the mall for shopping.

After that the whole family went to the parents-teachers conferences to talk about the grades of Cija.

Friday 10/14/11

This day was the first day of the homecoming weekend and the pupils in school wore the school colors orange and black.

In the morning our group went to the Michigan International Speedway, where a man showed us the whole track. When we were back in school we went to the Homecoming Assembly in the gym. In the afternoon we were a part of the Homecoming Parade and had to throw candy. The parade went to the Homecoming game that we also saw.

After that the most of us went to the house of the Bellews where we made a bonfire.



Saturday 10/15/11

In the morning we went to the girl scout camp to decorate it for Halloween.

In the afternoon went to the hairdresser who made our hair for the Homecoming dance and went shopping in the mall again.

In the evening we went to the homecoming dance which was much fun.

In this morning we went to the church in Jackson. In the afternoon we watched movies.

Monday 10/17/11

This day our group drove to Chicago. At first we went to the top of a really tall building and after that we went to a museum with different things in it. The third thing we did was that we went to the Navy Pier and the last thing we did was going shopping in a mall which was called water tower place.



Tuesday 10/18/11

We drove to the Flavor Fruit Farm where we saw the apple trees, how they make the apple cider and the store. After that everyone got some apple juice and a donut. Then we went into a small corn maze.

In the evening there was an Oktoberfest in the cafeteria of the school.

Wednesday 10/19/11

We drove to Detroit to the art museum with different kinds of art and then we went to Greektown where we went shopping in small groups and drove in a train after that.

Thursday 10/20/11

This day we drove to the capitol of Michigan, Lansing. First we went into a museum with history of America and then we went to the capitol building .The last thing we did in Lansing was to go shopping in an outdoor mall for 4 hours.

In the evening Cija's family and I started our trip to Washington D.C. We drove until we were in Columbus, Ohio, where we slept in a hotel.

Friday 10/21/11

We drove another six hours through Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland until we arrived our hotel in Washington D.C.

In the evening we went to the Washington Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial

This day we first went into different parts of the Smithsonia museum, the castle, the museum of space and air with many different planes and this kind of things and the museum of the Native Americans. After this we went to the capitol building and the Library of Congress. In this evening we went to the cinema where we watched the three musketeers.



Sunday 10/23/11

In the morning we went to a church again. Then went to the capitol again and after that we went to a museum with really important documents of America and after that to a museum with different diamonds, earrings of Marie Antoinette for example.



Then we went to the zoo, but it had already closed, so we drove back to the hotel and started our trip back to Jackson and slept a hotel in West Virginia.

Monday 10/24/11

T his day we drove the last part of the trip back to Jackson, where I started to pack my things for the trip back to Germany.

Tuesday 10/25/11

This was our last whole day in Jackson. In the morning we went to school and painted pumpkins and watched movies there. After that we went to the mall to eat something.

In the evening there was the goodbye party at a pizza place and after that a choir concert of Raylene , the exchange student of Lisa.

Wednesday 10/26/11

In the morning we watched movies at school again and then left Jackson at 1.45 pm. We drove to the air port in Detroit, where we ate something and then got our flight to Frankfurt.

<u>Thursday 10/27/11</u>

We arrived Frankfurt about 8.20 in the morning and got our flight to Hamburg where we drove back to Varel in a bus.

