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Community service trip to Romania

Reflection Essay

The community service trip to Romania has become one of the most important and funny experiences in my life. Mainly for five reasons: I learned that team work is important, got to know my classmates, I volunteered, acquired some building skills, and learned about Romanian culture from the inside.

I have always loved to work in a team. On the build site my classmates and I had to work as a team and to keep up together in order to succeed in our mission and have a final product. We had a lot of hard work to do, and the amount of time was not enough. However, we were able to finish our work on time because we worked hard, supported, and helped each other.

Each moment of the trip to Romania, including the long 13-hour bus ride from Austria and back, I enjoyed. Also, the day when we met the kids and their family I had a lot of fun because my classmates and I played games with them, which made them very happy. This made our class more united. Their happiness made me the happiest person on Earth for deciding to go on this trip.

Volunteering was the most important reason to go to that trip. While I was in Romania, I realised that I'm doing something good because I got the chance to meet the family I was supposed to help. The smiles on their faces motivated me to work harder and to stay positive.

Never before in my life have I experienced something related to building, so I was afraid of doing something wrong, which could lead to a huge problem. That's why I wasn't feeling myself in the beginning. Surprisingly, it happened that I participated in every kind of work, and I enjoyed it. Thanks to the trip, I learned some building skills, which may help me in the future.

I have been to Romania before. But never to this part where we volunteered, and I never knew a lot about the country. As a result of the trip, now I know how their food tastes, what people there are like, and their traditional dances, which I had the chance to try dancing.

All in all, this community service trip to Romania became an educational, valuable, emotional, significant, and positive experience, which I definitely don't regret and even I would like to have more trips like this one organised!