

Lina, 16 år

Lina kommer från staden Bielefeld i Tyskland. Hon bor tillsammans med sin mamma Elke (handlare), styvpappa Bernd och sin styvbror Marvin. Pappa Thomas (tjänsteman) träffar hon regelbundet.

Linas fritidsintressen är bl. a jogging, tennis, djur (särskilt hästar), böcker, skriva texter, gymnastik, fotboll, camping, matlagning, fotografering, musik (spela gitarr och sjunger) och umgås med familj och vänner. Lärarna säger att hon har ett stort intresse för att lära sig och hon visar alltid stor samarbetsförmåga. Hon har dessutom blivit vald att representera sin klass vid olika tillfällen.

Lina kommer till Sverige i augusti 2012 och stannar under ett läsår. Hon har en lätt astma.

”Hej host family,

If you have this letter in your hands that means that you are thinking about holding me for my stay in Sweden and I am so thankful about that! Tack!

Jag heter Lina och jag kommer från Bielefeld, en liten storstad i Tyskland. Jag läser svensk sedan två månader. This was nearly everything I know in Swedish but I will go on studying until next year so I am sure that I will know much more when I come to Sweden.

I am living in a big, 200 years old house with my mother Elke, her husband Bernd and his son Marvin. My grandmother is living in the neighborhood. In the evenings she often comes to us and we all watch a film together. During the school time I live with my mother because from her I only need five minutes by bike to school. Every second weekend I live with my father Thomas.

In my free time I love playing tennis and doing gymnastics with my friend Rike, listening to and making some music with my guitar and writing stories. According to that I meet every Saturday evening with my father and my friend Sina to watch handball games by our team which is called Tsg Altenhagen-Heepen. I am a big sports and music fan! I also sing in our school choir and I would really like to take my guitar with me to Sweden and I would be so happy if I could make you happy with some music ☺.

For earning some money I am training little girls in gymnastics every Wednesdays so I could really well imagine living in a family with children. According to that I really love animals, so you see, I am open for everything ☺.

I am sure that you are interested in why I have chosen Sweden for my exchange. There are many reasons. First of all I wanted to go to a country which is not too exotic (my friend Carolin is just in Venezuela for a year and I think that would not be something for me) but for which I had to learn a completely new language and where I had never been before. One of my friends has grown up German and Danish that is how I came to Scandinavia. But I had been to Denmark before, but not to Sweden. And- a point that may sound a little bit crazy – like you have read before I really love writing and I have been grown up with Astrid Lindgren and Sven Nordqvist and now I really love Swedish crimes or thrillers so I think the best writers come from Sweden. In their books they often describe parts of Sweden and now I would love to check out if it is really like they always say ☺.

I would like to pass a year in Sweden and of course with you to make some new experiences and to conquer my shyness, which has often bugged up things here in Germany. So if I am first not talking as much that is not because of you and I am sure that we will get along very well and I will not feel foreign for a long time. And don't worry, usually I love to talk and especially to laugh!

I really really hope that my letter (and hopefully I) pleased you and that I will get the chance to get to know you and maybe after my stay even to call you my second family ☺!

Kind regards from Germany,

Lina ☺”

