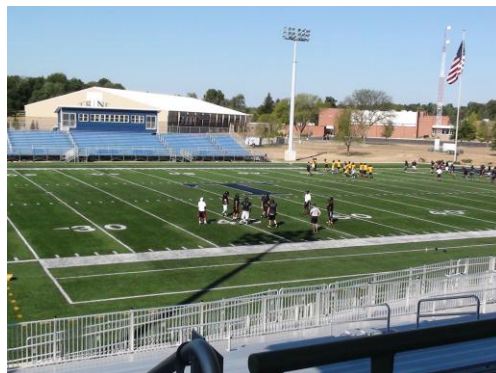
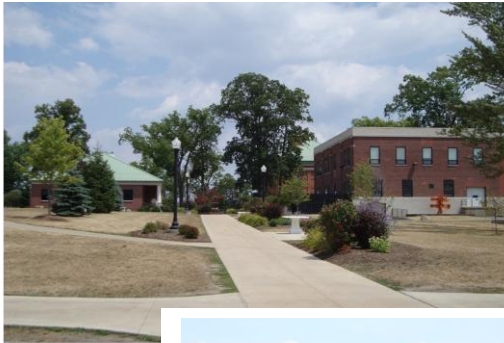


# *Memories of Trine*



*Summer  
American  
Language and  
Culture Academy  
July 2012*

After about a twenty-five hour tour (three hours' bus, nine hours' train and thirteen hours' plane), we reached Trine University at last. To my surprise, there are not any fences around the campus at all, which is impossible in China. Although it is not big, it is very tidy and beautiful, especially all kinds of small and ancient buildings made of wood and bricks, which we maybe have never seen in other universities. The people here are very friendly and enthusiastic. We are getting used to the western food that is fresh, nutrient –balanced ,high fat and sweet .What's more, the teachers are very patient and humorous, which greatly impressed all of us. Now I'm looking forward to learning more from them.





## My Days in Trine University (2)

The second day after we arrived here, the students had an exam in order for the American teachers to understand their level. There are three teachers in charge of them, Mr. John, Mr. David and Ms. Gail. The classrooms are very small, which only hold twenty-three students, so our students are divided into two groups. There are three blackboards except the back, which is different from China. Besides there are two shelves which include all kinds of books, newspapers and dictionaries. Our students take four classes every day except weekends and do some homework after class.

## My Days in Trine University (3)

There are four kinds of different subjects we students take. They are reading, video lab, writing and communication skills that are finished from 9 o'clock am to 2 o'clock pm except one-hour lunchtime every day. After that, we have a variety of activities. John's reading class covers two parts. One is giving a brief introduction to the activity we take part in. For example, visit American homes, wild preserve, car museum, ball game courts and so on. The other part is handing out some passages for us to learn. Next, Mr. David teaches us how to write an article according to the place we have been to. Gail's conversation class is very lively and interesting. Ms. Kathie and Ms. Jo are also instructors working with writing and communication. The students like them very much and their English has made greater progress obviously.

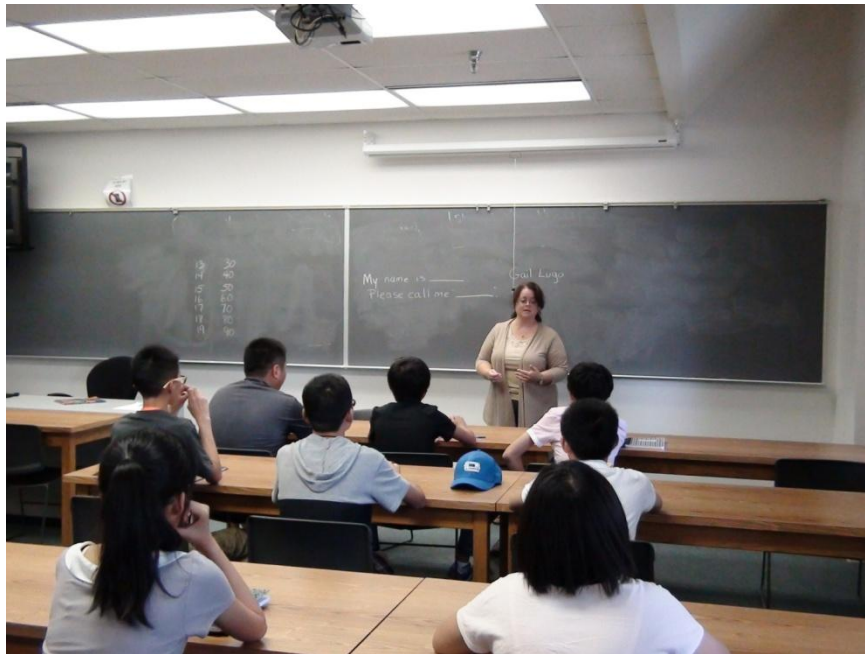


## My Days in Trine University (4)

This morning Mr. Scott (University Vice President) showed Mr. Zhang and me around the campus. Many beautiful flowers, squirrels and large courts attracted me. There are basketball and volleyball fields with air conditioning, golf, football and baseball fields. Every stadium can hold nearly 3000 to 5000 spectators. All kinds of games are often held here. Fortunately, a baseball game will be held next Monday and we have been invited there to watch. What's more, one of my students, Chen Xu, will represent Anqing Foreign Language Middle School to throw the ball. We are looking forward to that day.

### My Days in Trine University (5)

This afternoon we came to the Car Museum, where we saw many shapes of colorful cars that we have never seen before. They are so expensive that we were not allowed to touch them. We were grouped into two and a couple showed us around separately. They gave us an introduction to the history and engineering of the cars. We took many pictures with the cars. I chatted with the couple freely. To my surprise, they have a daughter in law who is a Chinese girl. So when they met us, how happy they felt! Don't you think so?



### My Days in Trine University (6)

In the following days, we went to LaGrange County, the Museum of Science and Industry, Pokagon State Park, host families, a Tincaps Baseball game and Shipshewana, where students had great fun and felt very excited. Finally we took some photos together with teachers who taught us and said goodbye to them.

### My Days in Trine University (ending)

This is an unforgettable experience for all of us. It is difficult for us to express our thanks with our words for the American teachers' help, especially David and John (Dr. Shannon), the founder of the program and Vice President of Academic Affairs for Trine. From them we have learnt a lot, covering spoken English, how to understand a passage and how to write. Now our students are no longer afraid of speaking English in public. I hope more students will come here next year.





## Visiting the Police Station, Fire Station and Sherriff's Department

Dear Officers, My name is Liu Shan Shan. I am a student from China. I would like to thank you for showing us your equipment. I think your overcoat is so cool. I want to say Thank you! Yours Truly, Kate

Dear Chief, My name is Yang Yang. You can call me Jim. I'm interested in your cars and your clothing. I think you have a good job. Sincerely, Jim

Dear Officer, My name is Jack Chen. I would like to thank you for telling us about the police yesterday. Thank you for your speech. When I came to the United States, I saw a nice car, and the police equipment. Thank you. Because of you, the United States will be beautiful and prosperous. Best regards, Jack Chen

Dear Police, My name is Kim. I am from China. I would like to thank you for showing your car. The car is very cool. I like it. I think you are a good policeman. I think to be a fireman is cool, too. Dai Xinzheng (Kim)

Dear Officers, My name is Wang Wei. I would like to thank you for showing us the police cars and something about preventing fires. You made me learn more about knowledge, and I am very thankful. Sincerely, Shirley

Dear Officer, My name is Wu Jiangshan (Candy). I would like to thank you for teaching me an understanding of the United States of America extracurricular knowledge. The American journey has led me to harvest much extracurricular knowledge. Thank you! Sincerely, Candy





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*Pool Party and  
dinner at the  
residence of Dr. John  
Shannon and family*

**Pool Party**

On July 10, we went to the pool party at Dr. John Shannon's house. His wife, Grace, made delicious food. It was so cool. I love it there. It was very beautiful there. Many students were swimming and we had a bbq. It was very delicious. At night we were eating delicious Chinese food, too. I won't forget the experience. Wang Ziheng (Tom)

On July 10, we participated in John's Pool Party. It's very nice. When we came to John's house, we were amazed. It's so big and beautiful. The party was very exciting. We were swimming, playing, and someone was playing billiards. The dinner was very delicious, and his Chinese food is pretty good. I won't forget this day. Suhan (Eric)











## Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve

On July 11th, we went on a field trip to Wild Winds. We met so many buffalo by car. They are very different. Some buffalo look great, and some buffalo look angry. And I like them very much because they look very cute. I took many photos of them, and they like eating grass field very much. I hope I can see them again. -Zan Jianrong "Candy"

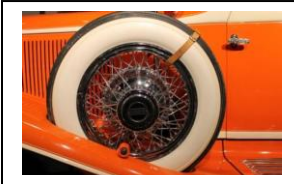
On July 11th, we went to the Buffalo preserve. It's a good place to relax. We all love it. It's very cool. First, we went to the shop to buy some souvenir. I bought a necklace for my mother. Then we went to by wagon to see the buffalo. It's very cute and lovely. They only eat grass. They are dangerous. The buffalo were grazing. The sky was blue and the clouds were white. I love this place best. -Tang Xinghoa "Summer"

Yesterday, we went on a trip to a nice natural place called Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve. We went into a gift shop to buy some interesting but expensive things there. Fur there was worth 65 dollars even. And then, a Native American guide took us into the Wild Winds by tractor and truck with wagon. He is a Cherokee Nation. We saw the female buffaloes' skulls first. Then we saw the buffalo. They are big, black and dangerous. Some of them are gray. There were also some baby buffalos. They are calves. During the whole trip, the guide told us some information about these animals. We had a great time there. -Zhang Song "Jason"

On July 11th, we went on a field trip to visit Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve. There was amazing. We had a lot of fun. First we went to a shop. There were a lot of things about the buffalo. We bought some souvenir. Then we went to the grass field by tractor. We were in the wagon. There were lots of skulls near the gate. They all belong to female buffalo. The guide was a Native American: Cherokee. He took us to the field. There were many buffalos. They were grazing. There were very big. The guide showed the buffalo's fur to us. It felt like cotton. It was very expensive. It was amazing. We had a great time yesterday. -Cheng Yue "Kevin"



# *Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum*





## Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

Yesterday afternoon, on July 12, we went to the car museum. The car is Classic car. The cars are very beautiful, with leather, lights, steering wheel, seats, doors, lights and mirrors. Where the car is particularly old, either now or the past, these vehicles are particularly valuable. I could not touch the cars. I like old cars. They are very handsome. I loved the cars. -Chen Xu (Jack)

Yesterday we went to the car museum. I think it was very good. We saw many cars. There are over 120 cars ranging from 1894 to 1999 and displays on three floors. I like the old cars. They are really handsome, especially the Mercedes and Rolls Royce. I love them. -Dai Xinzhen (Kim)

The car museum is so interesting. We saw the oldest cars in the world. They are very expensive. I took so many beautiful pictures because my father and I like cars, so I would also like to take back to him. There are so many kinds of cars. They look very beautiful. A beautiful car has its own beautiful story for us. I love here very much. -Du Jing (Serena)

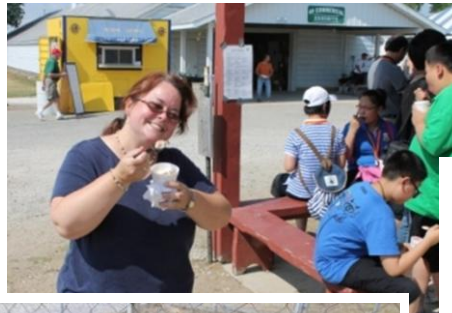


We went to the Car Museum on July 12. There are many old cars in USA in the Car Museum. Those cars have a long history. There are many classic cars and other things about cars. We saw many beautiful cars. The cars are really cool and the color is very colorful. Though I am not interested in the car, I think those cars are very good. -Yu Ye Ye (Kate)

We visited Automobile Museum today. The museum has welcomed nearly two million visitors from all over the world. It exhibits over 120 cars ranging from 1894 to 1999. There are many cool and old cars there. The cars are very expensive and they are in cool shape. They look just like new cars. It's really beautiful. Most of them have leather seats. Some of them even don't have seats because these cars are very old. There are also some models. They are made of clay. The blue prints of cars are very complex. Some of them are just like future cars. There are also some race cars. They are small but they can go fast. Many kinds of cars are collected here, such as Benz and Rolls and Royce. Thanks to the guides for showing us around the interesting museum. We learned a lot from them. It's really an exciting trip.

-Alan (Cheng Yixin) and Peter (Hu Shi)

# LaGrange County 4-H Fair





## LaGrange 4-H Fair

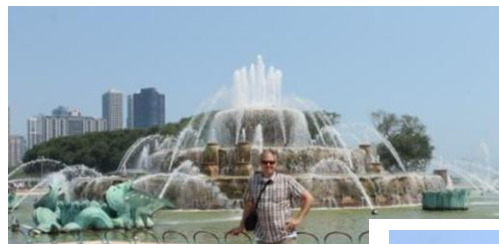
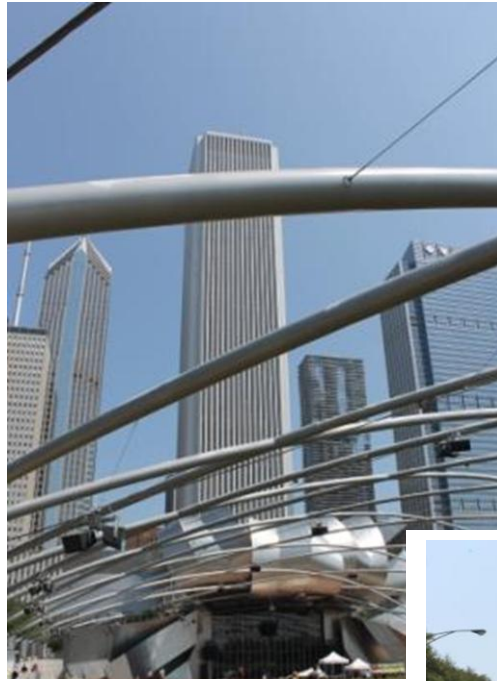
On July 13, we went to the Lagrange fair. It is a beautiful place. At the fair we made friends with Billy. She is very enthusiastic. It gives me an unforgettable memory. She showed me her pig. It was huge. And we saw lots of animals, such as pigs, dogs, sheep, and so on. The fair was beautiful. The people were very friendly, and we had a good time there. Xu Zhi Yu (Jerry)





# Chicago Trip

## Millenium Park & Museum of Science and Industry







## *Pokagon State Park Host Family Picnic*





## **Pokagon Park and Host Family Experience**

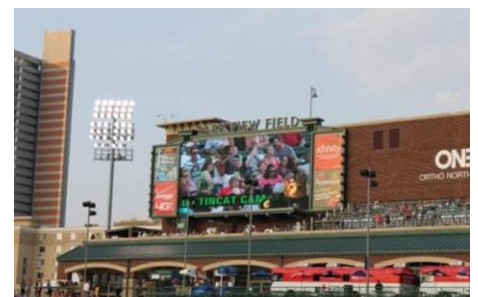
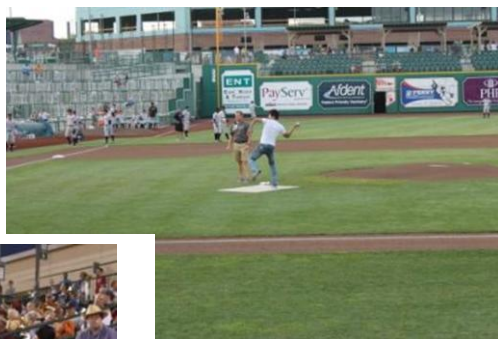
On July 15, I went to my host family. The host family has two people. Their names are Curtis and Dowell. They are very friendly. The house has two dogs. They are very lovely. First, we went to two shopping malls and they give me clothing, food and drink and I gave them a present. Then we went to the pizza restaurant to eat dinner. It's very delicious. I like it very much. Finally we went back home. Their house has a big swimming pool. We went swimming and played games. It was very interesting and funny. So this is my host family. I like them. -Xu Jing (Anna)

Yesterday morning, we went to the Pokagon Park. There is a big beach and lake. Some people are in the lake because it is cool. We swam and played with each other. We were so happy. After we had lunch, in the afternoon, we rode on a boat. It's very cool. The blue sea and golden beach looks so beautiful. In the night, we were in different Host Families. I was alone with the host family. They were friendly. First, we had dinner of rice, pizza and salad. Then we talked about me and my family. Last, I went to sleep. -Wang Nan (Nancy)

On July 15, we went to swim in the lake in the afternoon. And the weather was so hot. But we also liked to play. The park is so great, some people can swim, and they had a good time. I can't swim, but I also had a good time. I played in the lake with my classmates. About 6 pm, we went to the host family. My hosts were all friendly, and their child - a lovely girl - played with us all the time. We all went fishing, and I tried it. I caught lots of fish, and I think it's so great. The girl is so beautiful and lively, and we took pictures with her. I hope to see the girl in the future. -Wang Wei (Shirley)



F O R T W A Y N E



### **TinCaps Baseball Game**

Yesterday, on July 16, we went to the diamond to see a baseball game. I thought it would be boring but it was an amazing experience. The players on the grass were very serious. They ran and ran. They never stopped. The sun was shining. No one wanted to leave. The competition was really good. I have a good memory of it. I like baseball. – Zu Zhiyu (Jerry)

Yesterday, we went to a Baseball match. It is very nice, We are very excited. The game is so good, and the people are fevered. We bought many gifts, like baseball bats and baseball caps. Oh! Baseball is so cool. – Wang Ziheng (Tom)

Yesterday, we went to classes in the morning. In the afternoon we went shopping. Some people bought many things, but I didn't buy anything, so I was tired and sad. Then we went to the baseball field to watch the baseball game. It was very hot. There were many people there and they were friendly. –Wang Nan (Nancy)

Yesterday, we saw a baseball game. I'm very excited because this is my first time to watch a baseball game at the scene. The baseball field is not big but crowded. There was about 1000 thousand people in it. The baseball game was very cool. Players did their best to kick the ball. It's so exciting. We bought some souvenir, like baseball bats and a baseball cap. They are pretty good. It was great day. I like it -Suhan (Eric)



# *Shipshewana Flea Market*

## *Miller's Country Kitchen*



# *Autographs*











*Safe Travels!!!*

