

## July in Winchester

In last July, I had the chance to spend about three weeks in Winchester. It was an amazing experience. John McConnell hosted me during these three wonderful weeks. This trip was for me the opportunity to discover the American way of life. Sharing my time between John house's, Book End's, the Winchester book shop which hosted me and the several activities which were organized during the trip.



Book Ends hosted me every morning during these three weeks as a normal employee in the shop. Most of the others employees were really happy to be with a French student because some of them were also studying French in High school. Judy, the owner of the shop was fabulous with me and introduce me to nearly every customer in the shop. I also got a lot of free time to enjoy my trip in Massachusetts.

I also had three fabulous weeks with John who is an amazing guy. Someone really simple who is just enjoying his life. Sharing every night great meals and spending a lot of time for the dinner, It had always been amazing moments which will be for sure unforgettable. Russel, John's best friend was also a frequent guest for the dinner because He is a great chief and He loves to cook for us. He also introduces me to a lot of his friends which are always welcoming to enter in his house (which is never locked) to share the dinner or just a simple aperitif.

The program was really huge for a three weeks trip. I went to Boston for the very first time, which is beautiful city and really pleasant to visit with a weather often perfect. John hosted about more than fifty persons to celebrate the Bastille Day around a wonderful barbecue on the fifteenth of July. A Jumelage member permitted us to get a visit in Boston Fine Arts Museum. Johan's host, Betsy brought us to the Baseball, which is an important thing to do in Boston and I brought John to Gillette Stadium for the game between the "Rev's" and the LA Galaxy for the football. One of John's friend and neighbor took me to the AS Roma training because the team was in the area for their US Summer Tour. John also made us a tour of Harvard University. Johan, Russel, John and I went to the New Hampshire mountains to discover a National Park in the White Mountains. We had also been invited in Lexington for a Swimming Pool party with a great "American" barbecue. Well, three really fast week with no time to get bored.



I would thanks all the people who permitted me to get this unique experience in the Association of the Jumelage in Saint-Germain-en-Laye and in Winchester, Book End's squad, of course John who hosted me and all the people who are every year working to permitted us to be part of this trip.

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