



Partnerstadtfreunde

2010 Youth Exchange – Peoria to Friedrichshafen July 15 to August 5



21 young men and women are packed, prepared and ready to embark on their German experience in Friedrichshafen, for the 2010 student exchange. Final preparations began with an informational meeting for our traveling students and families in May. They were all very excited! We made sure they knew where everyone was living, so each person could see who would be nearby (always a good thing to know). Then we reviewed the travel itinerary, how to deal with jet lag (don't nap the first day in Germany!) and lots of other things we've learned over the years. The schedule of planned events helped to ramp up the anticipation, but the highlight of the evening was the showing of a few videos of Friedrichshafen from different perspectives. The students appreciated the professionally done tourism video, but they began to really feel a part of the adventure when they watched several student-created videos from last year. All the laughter and applause was a sure sign of the good times to

come this summer. 16 year old Emma Barclay says she is looking forward to seeing all her German friends again, meeting their parents, eating German food, and seeing the Alps and Lake Constance. "Facebook is a wonderful thing" she commented, as she has been able to keep in touch this past year. Ask her about her "Jumping Carp" story from last summer!



Keep up with the Youth Exchange excitement!

Your Friends of Friedrichshafen website (see the web address below) will link to photos, descriptions and other links related to our students' adventures – posted while they are in Germany. So make a note to visit our site every day to see what they are up to!

Oktoberfest and Worldfest

Once again this fall, Peoria will be hosting the Oktoberfest at the Peoria Riverfront, September 17, 18 and 19, 2010, and the Worldfest on September 11 .

As usual, the Friends of Friedrichshafen will host a booth at both of these events, to help promote friendship and understanding between Peoria and

Friedrichshafen. Come on out and support these valuable events in our community. If you can give us up to 2 hours of your time to "man the booth" at either event, please contact VP, Programs Sue Ramey at 697-3590. We can use, and truly appreciate, your help.

Visiting Friedrichshafen? Don't miss the Opera in Bregenz, Austria!



If you saw the Bond movie Quantum of Solace, you saw an outstanding site located very near our sister city.

Important scenes in that movie takes place in and around the stunning open air opera building in Bregenz, Austria. They take place right before and during a night performance of the opera Tosca on a stage that is *in the lake*.

Opera on the lake was an idea of an officer of the French occupying forces (the first stage -- two gravel barges in the lake -- began in 1946) and a former dancer of the Viennese Opera. The performances were well received and, in 1950, the first stage island was created. In 1980, Bregenz built a new lake stage measuring about 60 x 40 yards.

Every July and August, 7,000 audience members watch tremendous productions. Opera or musical productions generally tend to come from the popular operatic repertoire, but often are extravagantly original and innovative productions/stagings, frequently using the waters of the lake as an extension of the stage. Recent productions have included Aida, Tosca, Il trovatore, West Side Story, La boheme and Ein Maskenball.

Members to go to Germany

Have you renewed your membership with the Friends of Friedrichshafen? It's inexpensive, easy to do, and your membership gives you access to several members-only events, not to be missed!

For example, the 35th anniversary of our Sister City relationship is 2011. Plans are in the works to commemorate this happy occasion in style, both here and in Friedrichshafen.

An adult trip to Germany is being planned for 2011. Who says teenagers get to have all the fun? Tentative plans are for Peoria members to travel to Friedrichshafen in June, and for Peoria to host visitors from Friedrichshafen in September. As in years past, a full program of fun, interesting and completely unforgettable events are in the works. Who gets to go to Germany or host friends from Friedrichshafen? MEMBERS ONLY!

To become a member, simply print a membership form, found at www.peoriasistercity.org/members.html.

And send it in this week!

