

# VENTURING MAGAZINE

## Norway Venturing

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Members of Venturing Crew 75, from White Bear Lake, MN, and other Venturers forming a group of ten from Northern Star Council traveled to Iceland and Norway for two weeks this past July and August to attend the YWCA-YMCA Guides and Scouts of Norway National Jamboree, held August 2-9, 2014. Norway has two co-ed associations: the Norges KFUK-KFUM-speidere (YWCA-YMCA Guides and Scouts of Norway) — Christian oriented and Norges Speiderforbund-NSF (National Scouting and Guiding federation of Norway) NSF — open to all.



The group spent the first night of their trip in Reykjavik, after a rainy day seeing some of the natural wonders of Iceland. The first stop was at the Mid-Atlantic rift where the North American and Eurasian plates are being pushed apart. After a visit to the grocery to pick up items for breakfast and lunch, they went inland and visited the area where the Icelandic Parliament started. Continuing, they saw Geysers in action, then the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall, which was probably the favorite. After supper at IKEA, they were ready to call it a successful day!

The next morning, the Crew flew to Oslo, Norway to begin their four night stay at the Nordberg Church, home of their host troop. One of the Nordberg Scout leaders and his daughter welcomed them with a grilled salmon dinner. During the next three days, the Crew split up and rode trains, busses, trams and ferries to various attractions included in their Oslo Passes. Some highlights were the Viking Ship Museum, the Norwegian Folk Museum and the Vigeland Sculpture Park. Each evening, the Crew cooked supper in the church kitchen.



On Saturday, August 2, the Crew traveled to the jamboree in Asker with forty members of the YWCA-YMCA Scout group from Nordberg, along with more than 5000 Norwegian Scouts and over 400 Scouts from at least 20 other countries. They set up camp, which involved building tables, towers and other camp craft devices. During the first day of the Jamboree we added one Venturer from Transatlantic Council from the only Venturing Crew in Norway, Crew 1705 Oslo.



The next seven days included various activities, highlighted by an overnight patrol hike in the hills above Oslo. The Crew built a special tower to sleep in with a platform of rope netting, cushioned with pine boughs and wool blankets. On the last

afternoon of the Jamboree, the group participated in a global fund project for an orphanage in Tanzania, Africa. They sold Pearson's candy and custom friendship bracelets they made, raising over \$260 for the project.

The trip provided the perfect opportunity for Crew members to take Kodiak Challenge Training. The five leadership skills included in the training (Communications, Stages of Team Development, Inclusiveness, Values and Ethical Decision Making, and Servant Leadership) were relevant on the trip as the group worked together to manage meals, clean-up duties, and leadership of activities.

The trip ended with a much appreciated and restful night at a hotel in Oslo before the long flight back to Minnesota.

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