

This trip has been indeed very new and very inspirational. Even though I may not talk a lot, I've learned a lot from interacting with the other camp members and the children. I love how the children are so strong and cheerful, and I was so touched on the last day. I feel that I should've appreciate everything and everyone since the beginning.

I love all the new places that we have explored during the camp. The tours have connected me to their culture. The last two destinations were my favorite because how unique each place was. I loved meeting the animals and riding them. Riding camels was a great experience, being so high up and feeling the heat of the desert. Riding the horses was my favorite part, I loved the weather out there on the steppe. I loved the mild wind, the cloudy sky, and I loved the young and lively horse that I was riding. The Kazakh teacher guided me and taught me how to ride the horse was very welcoming and kind. The grassy hills and green trees were beautiful. It was amazing to be able to learn about the different cultures and experience it with the local people.

During the trip I've learned to be more independent and the importance of stepping out of my comfort zone to meet new people. Even if I may not have gotten along with the other members at this AE camp as much as I would have liked, it was still an amazing experience.

I love almost every aspect of our journey from the welcoming hotel (that provides great tea) to the Meow Meow song that we enjoyed every day to the great people that I met here. I have learned so many things. It was unexpected that so many people would burst into tears on the last day of volunteering. I am glad that we were able to connect with the people here so well that our goal was met. They have helped me to appreciate my parents more. I've realized how privileged I am to have people in my life who will always support me no matter what happens. Also, the food throughout the trip was great, unique and worth it. The fresh organic food was also a highlight of this trip.

Thank you John Ma for showing us all the extraordinary things and for treating us awesome stuff out of sheer kindness. This is definitely a memorable trip all because of the fun activities and all the organized plans the staff have come up with. Mr. Ma and his staff have helped us accomplish the 3 goals at the trip. We got to understand the culture and experience these people's lives. We went to places that I had never imagined existed. And we are going home SAFE, HAPPY, AND FEELING ACHIEVED because the staff had done more than they needed to.

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