

SCA HOSTS ENGLISH IMMERSION CAMP

SCA welcomed two groups of 12-16 year old Chinese students to the U.S. as SCA hosted its inaugural English Immersion Camp.

Partnering with Ken Kong, Director of World Class in Shenzhen, China, and Peter Freund, Director of Undertree Lodge in Colorado, Chinese students spent a few days in San Francisco before coming to Lee's Summit to attend the SCA English Immersion Camp. The students finished their stay with a week at an Adventure Camp in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

SCA faculty members Andrea Gillespie and Michael Mayor led the students in English classes, collaborative projects, and fun interactive learning. This included virtual reality glasses, taking on roles at the Truman Library's White House Decision Center, working as a team to create a not-for-profit, and participating in a service

project. Students also got to visit iconic places in the Kansas City area including Union Station and the WWI museum, and enjoyed activities including iFly indoor skydiving and The Exit Room.

SCA's vision to equip world changers through the infusion of a global perspective in the classroom and daily school life is played out in the opportunity that SCA recent graduates Abigail Woodall and Ean Collins were given to be Student Leaders during the English Immersion and Adventure Camps. Abigail and Ean received practical experience working with language learners and international students during high school as "Buddies" to international students and were trained as Cadet Language Teachers in the English for Academic Purposes class for international students.

Students stayed with welcoming host families for

the week to get a glimpse of American home life and culture, and many attended church and youth group for the first time. "We desire to show the love of Christ to these students and open their thinking to a God who desires a relationship with them," shared International Program Director Kathy Tharp. "Staying with a host family was a highlight for many students who learned about baking cookies, horseback riding, sheets on American beds, the American sky and stars, boating, fishing, and of course KC Royals Baseball!"

Global Ties KC had two different delegations with 11 participants each from countries all over the world observe classes and activities. These participants were English teachers and directors of camps desiring to learn more about quality language immersion camps and teaching language learners.

Camp Director Krystal

Dunahee said, "The English Immersion Camp was a beautiful picture of so many people - from teachers to students and local families to the camp participants themselves - who came together to build up students and encourage a heart for those whom God has a heart... people around the world."

SCA is already making plans to bring other students to the school and Lee's Summit area in 2018. "The camp was a tremendous success on all levels," said Tharp. "There was self-discovery, teamwork skills acquired, lots of love from host families, and several students expressed interest in expanding their horizons by studying at SCA in preparation for college in America."



Chinese students took a dive at iFly as part of SCA's English Immersion Camp.



Chinese students and their English instructors toured the Harry S Truman Presidential Library and Museum, where they took part in the White House Decision Center student program.



SCA Student Leader Abigail Woodall works with Chinese students during a warm-up activity, predicting the best shape for a structure that would hold the weight of a cup of pennies.