

Summer in Europe an adventure for student

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The summer of 2012 is one that Elyse Bagley will always remember. The 16-year-old Madras High School junior spent the summer months traveling the British Isles.

From their home base in London, she and her fellow student-ambassadors traveled to Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

They visited a castle and museums, rode the London subway, and met many new and interesting people. The dining experience was a story in itself. While in Wales she tried peacock for dinner.

"It's not at all like chicken," she says. "It's more like pork."

In Scotland they had something called Captain's Pie. "It's a stew over mashed potatoes, and it was very good," Elyse says.

The people, though, are what she remembers the most.

In Dublin, Ireland, she stayed for two days with a family in their home. "When we arrived, the whole neighborhood was there to greet us," Elyse says.

The Dublin family and neighborhood hosted what we would call a barbecue. "They didn't know what that word means," Elyse said. She and the family then spent time comparing how the Americans pronounce words compared to the Irish.

Her trip to Europe was through the People to People Ambassadors Programs. This year People to People is



Elyse Bagley traveled the British Isles this summer.

Courtesy of Elyse and KWSO.

marking its fiftieth anniversary.

The program is the most recognized and respected student travel provider: "Across five decades and seven continents, we've challenged tomorrow's leaders to expand their global awareness, discover new experiences, and have the time of their lives," the program statement says.

Rare accomplishment

To be selected as a People to People ambassador is no easy accomplishment. First, the student must have outstanding grades, which Elyse

does. The student must then go through two selection interviews. The qualifying process is as follows:

The initial group of applicants is first narrowed down, based on grades, to 150 students. Following the first interviews, the group is narrowed down to 50.

Then, after a second interview process, the delegation leader selects the final 15 students who will make the trip.

"They asked me questions about my background, family history and traditions," Elyse says, "I was the only Native American to make it

through the selection process."

Her first interesting experience happened before the group arrived in Europe. "I had never been to a major airport," she says. And the flight over was the first time she had been on a plane.

She had one experience in London that was a little nerve-racking. While traveling through the city, population 7.7 million, she became separated from her group.

"That is about the worst thing that can happen to a kid," she said. "It was the worst experience ever. I



thought I was lost."

Fortunately, she met a nice woman, "she reminded me of Betty White," Elyse says.

Elyse began explaining to the woman the general location of the hotel where the students were staying.

The woman asked if the other students in the group were wearing outfits that matched Elyse's.

Elyse said they were. The woman pointed down the train platform, and there was the delegation leader waving at Elyse.

"The woman, her name was Evangeline, was so nice for staying with me," Elyse says.

Besides that one scary moment, the summer was mostly great experiences, Elyse says. "From London we went to Wales. It was very green there. I loved it, the countryside, being out of the city and having some breathing room."

They spent two days in Wales, then took the five-hour ferry ride to Ireland, where a whole neighborhood was waiting to greet them.



(Listen to the Warm Springs Program on KWSO for more on this story.)

News from Indian Country

Navajo, Zuni still miles apart on Fort Wingate land

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. (AP) — After 15 years of struggling to come to an agreement on a fair distribution of thousands of acres of land at Fort Wingate Army Depot, the Navajo Nation and the Zuni Tribe are still

miles apart, not only on what justifies "fair," but whether Congress should make the call on how to divide the parcels.

Navajo Nation Council Speaker Johnny Naize and Zuni Gov. Arlen Quetawki presented testimony Aug. 2 to

the House Subcommittee on Indian and Alaskan Native Affairs during an oversight hearing exploring resolutions to disputes concerning Indian tribes over land use and development.

Fort Wingate is located on

lands withdrawn from the public domain when the fort was established in 1870. It closed in 1993 as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure Act.

There are approximately 20,700 acres of public domain lands, divided into 22

parcels, many of which have cultural and historical significance to the tribes. But because the inactive installation was used to store and dispose of explosives and military munitions, some lands are too contaminated to be reused.

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Federal Emergency Management Agency
Draft Environmental Assessment
Seekseequa Telecommunications Tower Project
Warm Springs, Oregon

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposes to provide funding to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs for a 140 telecommunications tower in Seekseequa to improve communications for police, fire and medical response. Funding would be provided as authorized by the State Homeland Security Project Grant Program as authorized by the Homeland Security Act.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations found in 44

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including Executive Orders #11990 (Protection of Wetlands), #11988 (Floodplain Management), and #12898 (Environmental Justice). The alternatives evaluated in the EA are the (1) no action; (2) proposed action, construction of a telecommunications tower in Seekseequa.

The draft EA is available for review at the Planning Department at 1233 Veterans St. More detailed information about the project is available by contacting: Lonny Macy at the Planning Department, 541-553-3509.

Written comments on the draft EA should be directed no later than 5

p.m. on September 16 to Mark G. Eberlein, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021, or by e-mail at mark.eberlein@dhs.gov. Comments also can be faxed to 425-487-4613. If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project. Unless substantive comments are received, FEMA will not publish another notice for this project. However, should a FONSI be issued, it will be available for public viewing at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments> under Region X.