

Ondrej aus Tschechien

Alter bei Ankunft: 16 Jahre alt

Programmlänge: 10 Monate (August 2025 – Juni 2025)

Hobbies: Eishockey, Ski fahren, Fahrrad fahren, Schwimmen, Basketball, Fischen, Segeln

Allergien: keine **Vegetarier:** nein

Liebe Gastfamilie,

mein Name ist Ondřej, aber die meisten meiner Freunde nennen mich Ondra. Ich bin ein 15-jähriger Junge und lebe mit meinen Eltern in einer Großstadt. Wir wohnen in einem Mehrfamilienhaus. Obwohl ich aus der Stadt komme, treibe ich gerne Sport und bin viel in der Natur unterwegs oder verbringe den Sommer in unserem Ferienhaus in der Nähe eines Flusses, wo ich im Sommer gerne angeln gehe.

Leider ist mein Deutsch nicht gut genug, um den Brief auf Deutsch weiterzuschreiben, also ist die Fortsetzung auf Englisch. Ich danke Ihnen für Ihr Verständnis.

I started primary school in 2015, and in 2024 I began my first year of high school. I've really enjoyed it so far. The teachers are fantastic—funny, friendly, and very patient with us. I feel that we are getting a good education. However, I believe learning is more than just going to school; it's about exploring, gaining experiences, and learning about different cultures and languages. That's why I decided to become an exchange student. By the time I start the exchange program. My family is quite small. I don't have any siblings, but I do have two cousins who live in a different city. Even though I'm an only child, I'm used to being around other kids. Since I was young, my parents have always arranged weekends and holidays so that I would have someone my age to play and talk with. I really enjoy spending time with other children and teenagers.

My main hobby and passion is ice hockey, which I've been playing since 2016. I currently play as a defender (I used to play offence too). In my opinion, the defender's role is both demanding and very important. As the last line of defence, it's your job to stop the opposing team, and any mistake can affect the outcome of the game. Besides playing, I'm also an ice hockey referee. I passed my referee tests two months ago, so now I have a "weekend job" officiating games. Being a referee is a great learning experience because it teaches you to be confident in your decisions, think on your feet, and make the right call in just a few seconds. Playing ice hockey and referring games makes my weekends busy!

The most important people in my life are my mom and dad. My mom has a disability that affects her walking and coordination, but I'm proud of how she pushes through her challenges and continues to be an incredible mom, even when things are tough for her.



My dad takes on most of the family responsibilities and always supports me in my activities. Whenever I'm feeling down, he's there to encourage me and helps me with anything I don't understand or can't handle alone. Growing up in this environment has made me both caring and independent. I can cook simple meals, help with shopping, and assist my mom in getting to and from work. Last season, while playing for a town further away, I traveled there by train (50km) every Friday, carrying all my hockey gear.

I enjoy sports in general. I used to swim and play tennis, and with my friends, we like to go skiing & snowboarding or ride bikes. We do these activities almost every holiday. In the winter, we go skiing in Austria or Italy, and in the summer, we usually go on bike trips or other outdoor adventures.

I also like playing video games, and I try to play with my friends most of the time because it's more fun than playing alone. I enjoy racing games and story-driven games like *Gran Turismo* or *Kingdom Come: Deliverance*. I like to go to movies or enjoy other social events.

During my year in Germany, I hope to experience a new culture, learn new things, improve my German, and become more independent. I know it will be challenging, but I believe I can do it.

Ich freue mich darauf, bald von Ihnen zu hören. Mit freundlichen Grüßen.

Ondra

