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## 2011 學海遊學 美國南伊利諾大學團 中文心得報告

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整裝待發！準備迎接期待已久的遊學。剛考完試、放暑假很快就要準備到一個陌生的環境，心情是既緊張又興奮的。今年的遊學團沒有台灣老師陪團過去美國，當下要出關時大家都驚訝了！但是我們並不害怕，一團 10 個人攜著行李開始了異國旅程。

我個人雖有出國經驗但並沒有轉那麼多次機還搭長途的經驗所以心情還蠻亢奮的，從香港搭機到洛杉磯這段旅程 12 小時果真漫長，幸好有電影可以欣賞，抵達洛杉磯機場只有一種感覺，好像不太像國際機場的水準，我們一路都很順利的通關，直到遇到飛機誤點的情況，我們本來 16 點登機，後來一直廣播延誤到 19 點多才登機，搭美國航空時冷氣冷到睡不著，抵達聖路易機場時已經接近午夜 12 點了。後來與未來要和我們相處的 TA，Kevin，會面後驅車前往我們的目的地-Carbondale，一路上我們和 Kevin 聊天也看了看美國夜晚的情境，最後終於還是抵不住睡意一個一個睡著了，抵達時已經 3 點。安置好行李、熟悉完環境已經 5 點近 6 點了，隔天一大早還要考試呢！感覺一個悲慘疲憊的開始。一大早 Kevin 就帶了早餐在一樓大廳等著我們，是看起來很好吃的麵包呢！但越吃越覺得好甜呀！開始有美國的感覺。對於初次來到美國、初次來到伊利諾州、初次來到 Carbondale、初次踏進南伊利諾校區的我們來說一切的一切都是那麼樣的新鮮，美國的陽光、美國的空氣、美國的鳥鳴喚醒一夜無眠的我們，10 個從台灣來的新鮮人踏著新鮮的步伐參觀著伊利諾校園也迎接該面對的分班考試，考完試後 CESL 有新生聚會，那時我們第一次看到除了我們以外的新生，有好多來自沙烏地阿拉伯的人呢！我們因為整桌都是台灣人都沒有外國朋友交流，於是我和小隊長就跑去找一個獨自坐在那的外國人說話，他也是來自沙烏地阿拉伯，後來介紹 CESL 老師們也發給我們一件只有 CESL 學生才有的衣服喔！下午 Kevin 帶我們去 WALMART 採買我們的生活用品及食物，晚上我們去吃 Buffalo Wild Wings，這間餐廳很有情調裝潢也讓我們體會到美國風情，一切都與台灣差異太多太多了。第三天是我們頭一次的上課天，因為大家分班不一樣所以上課時間也不同，一大早就有課的只有 3 個，但大家忘記約集合時間於是就各自去上課，當下我有點緊張，自己走在那麼大的校園昨天才參觀過一次也忘記要記路所以有點小迷路，但憑著印象走一走還是找到我的教室了。雖然我們一個班級人數很少才 10 幾個但我們班有沙烏地阿拉伯人、南非人、韓國人、日本人、伊拉克人、中國人、台灣人，像個小世界一樣，自我介紹後我發現大家都是不簡單的角色耶，並非像我們一樣的泛泛之輩。晚上 CESL office 的老師請我們義守的學生到山上一間髦牛火雞餐廳用餐，他們的火雞很美味而且可以一直續用，很多道菜對我來說也都是新鮮的在台灣沒見過的口味。我們就在這樣的模式下開始我們一個月的美式生活，

每天上課，下課後 Kevin 就帶著我們到處吃喝玩樂體驗美國不同於台灣的东西，每天都行程滿檔，在等待大家都放學而我又沒課的時候，我會和我的同班同學、來自台灣虎尾科技大學的好朋友 Silver 一起在外頭探險，校園很大有很多地方是我們沒去過的，我們走到南伊利諾大學的學生體育館，好大、好棒、設備好齊全、什麼運動都有提供，還有室內的跑道及空中跑道，而且都是免費使用喔！看到這個體育館我們都超興奮的呢！除了和 Silver 一起探險外，我也和我另外兩個好朋友一起出去吃飯，一個是沙烏地阿拉伯人另一個是韓國人，兩個都是很棒的朋友，他們也成為我在美國的兩個最要好的外國朋友，和他們相處也會漸漸感受到不同於台灣的幽默。我們也有去撞球館撞球體驗美國的撞球，和台灣其實差不多呢！還去看了露天的電影，這是個很特別的經驗，大家坐在草地上看著雙面都可以看的投影布幕，看著沒有字幕只能聽英文發音的「巧克力工廠」真的能讓英文進步呢！有趣的是美國的小朋友唱小矮人的歌耶，而且一模一樣連發音都很標準，頓時覺得我們連小孩都不如。來這裡看露天電影可是美國家庭的休閒之一呢！到了假日是我們最開心的日子，因為有整整兩天的時間可以出遊，第一周我們和虎尾科大的一同去 Metropolis，超人的故鄉，這個觀光景點我在台灣時有先蒐尋過所以對這個景點有印象，超人的故鄉沒什麼令我覺得有趣的就單純拍拍照，但印象深刻的是點點冰淇淋，非常特別，像小小顆的保麗龍球一般很可愛也很有特色在台灣沒看過。離開了 Metropolis 後我們到了 Kentucky，這裡非常的美麗，瀕臨著一條河名叫「喔嗨叻」非常的悠閒，我們很幸運的遇到嘉年華會，有很多街頭表演者都非常特異獨行，還展出許多中古車及跑車，真的令我看到目不轉睛也興奮不已呢！我們在 Kentucky 待到晚上 10 點多才依依不捨的離開。第二個周末我們去看小聯盟，這是我生平第一場的現場棒球賽呢，沒想到竟然就在美國觀賞！一開始真的無聊透頂，兩隊實力懸殊之大感覺沒什麼看頭，後來有比較精彩的出現後大家都熱血了起來，雖然最後結局還是如預期沒變但我愛上了現場看美國棒球賽的感覺，中途的插曲、熱情的歡呼、加油的口號、選手的出場樂至今還深深烙印在我腦海，熱血的球賽燃起我們熱血的靈魂，希望有朝一日還能再看一場美國球賽，更期待能有機會看到大聯盟的精彩！隔天我們去了「Garden of god」，那是一個令人汗流浹背風景卻美不勝收的地方，也是美國人休閒的去處之一呢！一開始大家都以為是花園，沒想到卻是需要體力的攀岩，但是為了看美麗的風景大家還是努力向上爬，看著高聳的岩石令人咋舌，有如鬼斧神工般的巨岩美國人穿梭攀爬在其中，就連我們的 Kevin 也不費吹灰之力的跳躍著，在我們眼裡很危險的運動對他們來說好似吃飯般很平常的運動，但是我也很喜歡這個地方，要不是腳受傷不堪攀爬我也會大膽嘗試的，走完一圈才驚覺已到了一開始進去的地方，大家還意猶未盡呢！第三個周末我們都參加了 CESL 舉辦的小旅遊，驅車前往聖路易市，看了美麗壯觀的地標 ARCH，也登上 ARCH 的最高點鳥瞰聖路易市，真的超棒的，後來安排到「Galleria Mall」大採購，把在 Carbondale 沒買足的東西一次買足，美國的 MALL 真的大到逛不完呢！我們還去 Friday 品嚐美國最道地的起司，口味和份量果然都沒令我們失望。除了我們 10 個私下出遊的活動外，CESL

也舉辦了很多的活動，大家一起打保齡球，還有每周四固定的 TEA TIME，免費提供茶飲和冰淇淋給 CESL 的學生享用，大夥齊聚在教室外等待、聊天、品嚐的那種感覺真的很棒，不只填飽了肚子、休息了心靈還增進了友誼呢！SIU 也會舉辦音樂會，這時就會看到校園裡出現很多很多的人潮，大家都帶著野餐地毯、舒服的椅子、啤酒、食物甚至是烤肉架前往一個大草地，大家坐在草地上邊聽著樂團精彩的演出邊吃喝玩樂，對於他們來說這是放假時的聯誼，只有在這時候大家會回到學校來聯絡感情，這個音樂會大概是下午 6.7 點開始儼然是個大型 PARTY 呢！校園裡有湖有森林，我們還去那個美麗的湖划船呢！我們去的時候獨木舟都借出去了只好踩四人的鴨子船，踩久了果然很累，幸好那時剛好太陽較沒那麼大，所以很舒服也很享受那種感覺，很幸運的是在划的時候剛好有看到夕陽西下的美景，湖光盪漾、徐徐微風、搖搖樹影再搭配上橙橙夕陽照映簡直浪漫至極。一切都是那麼的美好比較遺憾的是最後還是沒划到獨木舟但是安慰的是目睹美麗景致。到了最後一周我們開始進行道別，大家的心情也明顯受影響因為知道再過幾天就要離開這美麗殿堂了，我們在星期二時受 CESL office 的老師邀請到她家去用餐，這是我們第一次真正踏進美國人家中，果然如想像中的精緻裝潢、重質感的布置、家中一點也不紊亂感覺像是台灣有錢人的家，大大的庭院、有造型的泳池、跳板、圍繞在泳池旁的桌椅、沙灘排球、彈簧床、地下室的撞球桌，就像渡假飯店的感覺一般，外國人果然很注重生活品質也很注重休閒，這不就是我一直夢寐以求的家嗎？！踏進老師家的當下覺得太美好了，未來我的家也要像這樣。在我們玩著沙灘排球的時光中晚餐不知不覺準備好了，像宴會的感覺一般，好幾道菜擺在桌上，大家拿著餐盤輪流夾取要吃的菜餚，道地的美國家常菜真的非常非常的美味，這是我這個月來吃的最滿意也最回味的一餐，雖然吃了很多的大餐卻敵不過這次的家常菜，樸實卻令我回味無窮，或許是自己準備的原因，這次的菜比較沒那麼鹹，口味也很適中，大家都吃得很滿足呢！到 office 老師家中用餐的不只我們還有很多位和我們比較熟的老師們，所以當天用餐聊天聊得很愉快也很溫馨。用完餐後令我們驚喜的是，發證書！老師們都知道了當天要發證書只有我們不知道，對我們來說是既興奮又難過的一刻，大家圍在一起從老師們先開始發表心得，一個比一個感性，輪到我們發表時心情真的是忐忑不安，緊張又充斥著難過與不捨，氣氛從開心變溫馨，領證書時真的有種不想拿的衝動，領完證書時大家開始討論起要如何留在這裡久一點，天方夜譚又開始了在大家的笑聲中結束這溫馨愉快的晚餐。星期三我們展開計畫已久的回饋晚餐，感謝我們的 TA，Kevin，一個月來辛苦的照顧及熱情的帶我們到處遊玩，給我們許多無比的回憶，於是我們決定現給他他期待已久的火鍋，以及烤肉加菜，大家忙得不亦樂乎也吃得不亦樂乎，最後也有溫馨的送禮紀念，希望給他美麗的句點。

這次的遊學很充實，很特別，在美國的這一個月裡很感謝很多幫助我們的人，讓我體驗到外國人的熱情，也交到很多很棒的外國朋友，他們耐心的教導英文不流利的我們，為我解釋聽不懂的單字，讓我不那麼害怕也更有勇氣發問，也感謝

在美國生活的台灣學長「Alex」與「Vincent」雖然之前不認識但我們在美國時他們都義無反顧的幫助我們，從小到借我們鍋碗瓢盆，大到帶我們到處玩，直到最後一天要走時也來幫我們收拾行李，這些都讓我們感激不盡，最要感謝學校給我們這個機會能體驗到不同於台灣的生活，這對我來說有很重大的意義，從沒想過到美國進修的我開始燃起到美國進修的決心，或許是因為只待一個月的關係讓我們看到美國的新鮮，但是我喜歡的是他們和台灣不一樣的熱情、還有他們的上課方式，老師會鼓勵你思考、會讓我們小組討論，討論完發表自己的看法，無論看法正不正確老師都會鼓勵你講出來，也會肯定你，因為那是你的想法，他們不會填鴨式的灌輸，會讓你去思考，我想這是台灣學生所缺乏的吧！一開始選團時並沒想過要選美國，也因緣際會的換到了美國，但現在我不後悔，相反的卻覺得很幸運，我們看到很多台灣沒有的，也體驗到很多台灣體驗不到的，更體悟到很多從前不曾想過的事情，這個難得的機會，至今我仍感謝！

## 義守大學學海遊學團---美國團研習心得報告

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I can't believe that I can have this chance to go abroad and very exciting about that. With a happy mood to arrived the Kaohsiung International Airport, suddenly, we received the information that we should go USA by ourselves. However, we are all have courage and wisdom to face challenges. So everybody seted out to USA with our luggages.

I had several times experience about abroad, but I haven't had the experience of transferring several times and taking too long time on the airplane. So my mood was very excited. It is so long from Hong Kong to Los Angeles, fortunately, there have lots of movies, music, game for every customers to enjoy. When we arrived the Los Angeles International Airport, I just had one felt it seems not have the same level of international airport. We were well all ways from Kaohsiung until arrived the Los Angeles International airport. Because we might get on the boarding gat at four o'clock PM. but the plane was delay to seven o'clock PM. and plus there were too cold to sleep in the airport. This situation gave everyone a bad memory for Los Angeles. Not only this condition at the airport but also the same condition at the American airline, there air conditioner seems for free. It is very very cold for me to sleep. We arrived St. Louis at near midnight and we met our TA, Kevin then we went to our destination – Carbondale by small bus. We were talking with Kevin and looking around the night view of America, finally, we still can't resistance the sleepy and fall asleep one by one, when we reached the destination already three o'clock AM. When we arranged for our luggages and knew well the environment was already five o'clock AM. but we all have a important exam tomorrow morning, suddenly, the bad feeling surge in to my mind. Morning, Kevin brought the sweet breakfast for us and we felt too much sugar after we ate mouth and mouth. Than we start have the feeling in USA. As the first time to America, the first time to Illinois, the first time to Carbondale and the first time stepped into the Southern of Illinois, for us, all the first and all the thing was so novel. Sunshine of America, air of America, birds singing of America aroused our tired soul cause of staying up all night. Ten fresh men from Taiwan stepped fresh steps visited the Southern of Illinois and faced the important exam. After the exam we had the CESL new student party, that is the first time we met other new students except Taiwanese. There are a lot of students whom come from

Saudi Arabia. Because set on this table were all Taiwanese, no foreigner set with us. Hence Benson who are our leader and I went to talk with a man who set alone and he also came from Saudi Arabia with his wife. Then the CESL student set all new students a cloth, only for CESL students. Afternoon, Kevin took us to WALMART to buy something daily necessary and foods, that is the first time we went to WALMART. At night, we went to Buffalo Wild Wings to eat the nice chicken wings. This restaurant has special decoration and made us experience the style of America. They has a small bar and three televisions on the wall and play the soccer game. The third day is our first class day, everybody have different class so the class time. Only three people in our group have the class in the morning, but we forgot to agreement the gathering time, so we went to class each. At once, I have a little nervous when I walk in the large school and just visit it once yesterday and I forgot to remember the road to class. So I were a little missing the road, finally I found the correct classroom for me. Though my classmates were too less just ten more people, but we had people whom come from Saudi Arabia, Southern Africa, Korea, Japan, Iraq, China, and Taiwan seems like a small world. After we introduction ourselves I found all of everybody were very excellent not normal men. At night, CESL office teacher invited us to a restaurant which is sale mane beef and turkey at the mountain, there turkey is very delicious and that can continual to eat if you can. Many foods were very fresh for me and I have never see it in Taiwan. We were starting our one month American life under this pattern.

Went to class every day, and Kevin took us play and eat everywhere to experience something differ from Taiwan. I had full schedule every day, when I waiting for everybody finished class, I am hang out with my friend, Silver who come from Taiwan either, and she is study at Huwei university of Technology. The Southern of Illinois has more place we have never been. We walk to the Rec. center which is the center provide lots of sport sites and sport equipments for Southern of Illinois University (SIU) students and Carbondale residents is very awesome. They provide almost all sports and has two runways, one is on the ground and the other is on the air and if you are the SIU student, you can use all the equipment for free. Besides hang out with Silver, I also hang out with others two good friends. One is FAHD who come from Saudi Arabia, and the other is SUNGU who are from Korea, they are both my best foreign friends in CESL and along with them I gradually can feel the humor which differ from Taiwan. We also went to the pool hall to experience the pool of America, but actually, it is not far different from Taiwan. We went to see the open movie, that was a special experience. Everybody set on the grasp and watched the screen which can see both sides. We watched the movie without subtitle just can heard English pronunciation really can help us to practice English. Weekend were be our

most happiness days, we had full two days can take a trip. The first weekend, we went to Metropolis which is supermen's hometown and we found a special food which name is dots ice cream look like small Styrofoam ball and I have not see it in Taiwan either. Left Metropolis we went to Kentucky, there are very beautiful and near a river name "OH HI YO River". Luckily, we met the carnival and saw many street performers there. That is the special thing never happen in Taiwan. The second weekend, we went to watch the minor league this is the first time I saw the baseball game for my lifetime. At start was very boring but at least they have more wonderful performance and it made me fall in love to watch live game. I hope I can watch the major league. Next day, we went to "Gordon of God ", that is a indescribable place, they have more amazing stones and all of stones are huge. But we saw some American can shuttle in stones, include our TA, Kevin. It must be the normal leisure for American. The third weekend, we participated the activity which is held by CESL. We went to the landmark "Arch" and took the elevator to the highest and watched the overview of St. Louis. The view really charming me. Then we went to the Galleria Mall, CESL office gave us more time to buy what we want to buy. We also went to Friday to ate the traditional America cheese. Besides we took trips by ourselves, CESL office also held more activities for all CESL students, such as bowling, and routine at every Thursday has Tea Time. They provide tea and ice cream for CESL students for free. Everybody gather in front of the classroom, enjoy the sweet desert, and chatting that is a really nice feeling. It not only can satisfy the hungry stomach, but also can enhance relationship for each other. The other interesting activity is the concert which is held by SIU. You can see most of peoples appearing in the university, and took picnic carpet, comfortable chair, ice beer, yummy foods, and barbecue with them. Everybody set on the grasp, and eating something while listening high music. For them, this concert can improve their relationship when they are in vacation. Because, only this time everyone will come back to the SIU. By the way, there have a nice lake in the SIU, and we ride the boat on the lake. Unfortunately, all canoes were lend out, so we just can borrowed the duck boat. We were so tired when we stepped too long, fortunately, the sun want to go home. We were lucky to saw the sunset. At the last week, we start to say good bye for each one. CESL office teacher invited us to have dinner in her home. This is the first time we went in to an American' s home, really like the reach men' s home in Taiwan. When we were playing the beach volleyball, the dinner was already ready. How delicious!! I can' t believe this was made from a normal woman, it test like cooed by a professional cooker. I can' t forgot this favor for a long time. After dinner, we circled together, and shared our feeling these days in Carbondale, included CESL office teachers. The atmosphere were so warm, and all of us feeling so sorrow. Wednesday, we prepared a hot pot and



barbecue for Kevin.

This study tour to USA is very sufficient! I appreciate all of friends whom help us in this month, and I make more nice foreign friends. I also appreciate two Taiwanese " Alex" and " Vincent whom living in Carbondale for a long time. Though we don' t know them before, they help us as they can do in this month. The most that I appreciate is our school, ISU. Thanks for give us this chance to go abroad, and let we experience the life more different from Taiwan. And also make we think about the other method in learning, I feel that I' m so lucky to have this opportunity!!

## 2011 學海遊學 美國南伊利諾大學團 中文心得報告

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第一次去美國很令人興奮，尤其是我期待已久的遊學活動。準備出國途中也遇到很多的困難，一一克服後，才了解這機會對我來說是有多麼的難得且得來不易。

七月四號，終於出發了！在洛杉磯等待轉機時，美國航空誤點三個小時，導致我們抵達聖路易時已經凌晨了，所以也沒觀賞到美國國慶煙火，有點可惜。大部分的人都是一人住一間房間，房間裡有大冰箱、廚房、浴室、更衣間、客廳和臥室，很寬敞舒適。我不習慣美國的食物，因為不是太甜就是太鹹，於是幾乎天天下廚，大家一起採購食物、下廚，互相協助的感覺真好。

在 CESL 上課採用 TOFEL 成績來分級分班，班上有台灣人、阿拉伯人和一個利比亞人。許多阿拉伯人都是偕同妻子一起來上課的，他們來外國讀書都有政府的全額補助，很令人羨慕。我交到許多的朋友，阿拉伯人居多，因此也更了解阿拉伯文化思想。一個阿拉伯人辭掉他的工作而來到美國讀書，我問他為什麼，他說他想要充實自己後，要回到自己的國家擁有更好的工作。原本以為阿拉伯國家的男人個個都有四個太太，事實並不然。他們的說法是一夫一妻的生活品質較好，而且大部分家裡都有六個孩子，若娶多個太太就有過多的孩子，生活品質自然就下降。每堂課每天都有作業要完成，晚上若有活動，就有機會熬夜寫作業。美國的教育非填鴨式教育，往往問題都是開放式解答，上課時和老師、同學都有許多互動，因而提升聽說的能力。

課外之餘，CESL 也有舉辦一些活動供我們參加，如保齡球之夜和聖路易之旅。在 Carbondale 也遇到兩個台灣的學長，他們會告訴我們景點或是購物中心。其中一個學長有車，會載我們去。南伊利諾大學有一個十分健全的運動中心，所有的設施都在室內，裡面有兩個大籃球場、壁球室、排球室、網球場、跑步機、游泳池、重量訓練室、有氧舞蹈室等等應有盡有的設施，即使是台灣的健身中心也沒有這麼完善的設備。Carbondale 雖然是個小鎮，但幾乎就像台灣一個市這麼大，我們會去鎮上的 University Mall 購物，鎮上也有著名的 Best Buy，這些都是學校公車可以抵達的地方。持有學生證搭乘公車不用錢，但 CESL 除外，投一塊美金即可。去美國必買的就是 Levis，新品約三四十塊美金，我還買到過季商品十二塊美金的牛仔褲。美國的購物中心的優點不只是便宜，挑的時候小姐不會來插手，所以逛的很恣意。

最後一週，來到 CESL 老師家用餐並頒發證書。美國的家常菜非常可口，不會像外食般過鹹。我從來不知道火雞和紅莓醬會這麼搭，薯泥就是要淋上肉汁才美味，甜點是熱騰騰的紅莓派加上冰涼涼的冰淇淋，口感很特別。即將離開美國有不捨的感覺，阿拉伯同學紛紛問我們何時會再來，來的時候一定要告訴他們。大家都互加 Facebook 以保持連繫。

在美國這短短的四週內，認識許多朋友、體驗不同的文化、培養了國際觀以及和同團的伙伴共享樂、共患難，大家共度豐富且充實的四週。最後特別感謝義

守大學和課外活動組，幫忙我許多，以至於我有這個機會增添美麗充實的經驗。

It was so exciting that I went to the U.S. at the first time, especially it was a study abroad what I expect. When I prepared everything for this activity, I had many problems. I did not know how rare the chance until I overcome the problems.

On Fourth of July, we proceed to the U.S. finally. When we waiting for transit in L.A., American Airline delayed three hours and caused we arrived St. Louis in early morning so we had no chance to see the National Day firework. A lot of people were living a room by themselves. It had refrigerator, kitchen, bathroom, dressing room, living room and bedroom; it was very spacious and comfortable. I could not accustom to American food that it is not too salty or too sweet so that we almost cooked by ourselves every day. We purchased the ingredients and cooked, it was the good days that we assisted each others.

CESL used the grade of TOFEL to distinguish our degree. It had Taiwanese, Arabian and Libyan in my class. Many Arabian study there with their wife. They come to foreign country to study, their government would give them full subsidy. I envy them, but I'm honored that I have a great college. I made many friends, the Arabian friends were the most so that I know more Arabian culture. I asked an Arabian friend why he quit his job and came to the U.S. to study, he answered me he want to enrich himself and back to their country to have a better job. Originally, I thought every Arabian man have many wives. However, they haven't. My friend told me that monogamy let their life better. The most family have six children. If they married many wives, they will have too many children, and then their life quality worse. Every class had homework every day, if we had the activity at night, we had chance to finish our homework overnight. American education is not spoon feeding education, most questions have open solution. We had many interactions with teachers and classmates, thus enhancing the ability about listening and speaking.

We will attend the activities held by CESL as our extracurricular activities, for example: Bowling Night and St. Louis trip. In Carbondale, we met two seniors, they told us where the mall and how can we get there. One of seniors has a car so he took us to our destination sometimes. A great sports center of Southern Illinois University, all facilities are indoors, there have two large basketball courts, squash courts, volleyball, tennis courts, treadmills, swimming pool, weight training room, aerobics room, and so on. Although Carbondale is a town, it almost likes a city of Taiwan. We went to the University Mall shopping, there also has famous Best Buy, and we can take the school bus to there. Student card holders do not need to pay for bus, except CESL students, so we need to pay one















After that, we went to the Ohio River, and join a parade in Paducah. That's different from Taiwan's, it's have many different show like India's dance and circus. On Sunday, we went to REC center to do exercise.

The second Tuesday, Max teach me some Arabic. When Sophia and me walking on the street to go to our apartment, we found a deer there! It's a surprise for me so I am excited and I decide to take some picture for it, even though Sophia want to go back to apartment first, it was so beautiful and it is beside me without fence. After that, I decide to take more pictures for this amazing university, and I really got many wonderful picture it make me feel happy and satisfy though the weather is so hot. Finally, I run into Carrie and we went to play the piano and have a sweet afternoon. On Wednesday, we went to a CESL's bowling night. Teachers and friends are playing there with us. On every Thursday, is have tea time in the CESL and there will have many ice cream, coffee, and hot chocolate for us. It's one of my favorite time in here. There also have sunset concert every Thursday. I really enjoy the time when we in Carbondale. We have many memorize there, see many different things there and learn many things. We went to many places including The Garden of the God, boating, see a baseball game ( the team of Carbondale is Miners ), have Mexican food, St. Louis, Gateway Arch, Indiana's water park, ect. We also have bubble tea there. The day before we come back to Taiwan, teacher Kerah held a party for us, how kind of her and her four kids are so cute, everyone of us are like them very much. At night, we cook by ourselves and invite Kevin, Alex, Vincent and Silver here to have a big dinner with us. Just like one of the CESL's teacher invited us to went to their home to have a good dinner and there have the valley ball and swimming pool with us.

The day we were go to St. Louis airport and come back to Taiwan, we were at the lobby of our apartment to say good bye to Kevin, Alex, Vincent and our friends. Then I feel sad because I don't want to depart from them and Carbondale. I think it will be the sweetest and the most wonderful dream for me in my whole life. I will miss everything and everyone there. Thank ISU send me there to learn many things and make many good friends there. I love my school. ☺