



NSA EUROTOUR 2011 ..memorable moments (July 2011)

Write something you find memorable, then put your name on the bottom.



1st weeks Most Memorable Moments from the Euotour 2011

Over the past few days in Sweden, there have been many fun and exciting moments. However, my favorite moment so far is when we had practice in the pouring rain. We were all soaked and tired, but it was still a blast!

Heidi Small!!

Since day one there have been so many great experiences and they have all been a lot of fun!!!! The funniest moment for me was when us 'US' girls got off the bus at the club house and all the Swedish girls came running down to greet us. They were all giggling uncontrollably and it was absolutely hysterical! Then

we headed up and they all accompanied us up the hill asking if we needed help and occasionally laughing!! This is a great trip and I'm excited for what's next!! (:

- P.L.

Ever since this trip started I was most afraid that we would meet everyone and I wouldn't be able to understand them. Yes that is partially true, but everyone is so nice it doesn't even matter. I was really shocked when all of the girls knew English and could speak it well, in fact they even have been teaching us some Swedish! It's a great way to get to know everyone even though they laugh every time I try to speak it..... I'm sure its quite funny!!

- Abby

Denna veckan med NSA har varit sa rolig och sa larorik att jag inte vill att den ska sluta! Dom ar hur snalla som helst och jatte roliga! Vi har spelat jatte mycket fotboll, skrattat och forsokt lara varandra vara språk. Det har varit jatteroligt att snacka engelska också! Det basta denna veckan har nog varit att traffa dom duktiga tranarna och eleverna. Vi har kort en massa olika ovningar också och jag kanner redan att jag blir bättre.

//Maria Eliasson

My favorite part of this trip was when I got the bed next to the window and I got to sit in there and watch my friends Tasha, Hunter, Sierra, and Heidi sing in the rain while getting soaking wet.

Mia Root =)

Det sjoveste var da amrikanerne kom og vi snakkede med dem og laerte dem at kende ,

vores forste training var ogsa rigtig sjov.

jeg glaeder mig til dana cup det bliver mega sjovt ,

Vi hygger os pa faergen. Vi tager ned og spiser nu sa mojn. Nikolaj Schou DK☺

Det har vaeret rigtigt sjovt indtil videre , ogsaa at moede nye mennesker fra Amerika & Sverige. De er meget flinke allesammen , og sjove. Det er lidt

anderledes training , men meget sjovt at laerer alligevel. Traenerne er ogsaa rigtig flinke. Nu venter vi spaendt paa Dana cup I Frederikshavn .

Aka Mads Dahl : DK ☺

2nd week of Most Memorable Moments

During the past two weeks I've had many memorable moments. Since this is my 4th year coming I remember lots of things from other times, but not quite as memorable as this year's moments. One thing that sticks out in my mind that has happened is Hunter and I were brushing our teeth and I said, "We are having eggs and potatoes for breakfast" then Hunter repeated me. Finally after we were done brushing our teeth and went to breakfast where the potatoes were, Hunter said, "SO that's what Asian Potatoes look like!!". It was super funny because she thought I said Asian Potatoes, not eggs and potatoes. ☺ Another memory that really sticks out in my mind is there was one night where it was raining super hard and Sierra, Hunter, and I were outside and we stood up on a table and started singing in the rain, we sang "Jar of Hearts", "Our Song", and "It's Raining Men". The whole girls room was videoing us and laughing really hard, it was super fun and crazy. Overall my past two weeks have been a blast and I cannot wait for our last week in Sweden, I love everybody tons and hope to hang out with them again after the trip. COLORADO PRIDE!!!

~Lots of Love~

Tasha Lorelle Jordan

I have always loved playing soccer, and I have always wanted to venture to another part of the world; so coming here was the best thing I have ever done... knowing that this might be my only chance to play soccer with kids from around the world, I have had hundreds of memorable moments. The first one that has earned a spot in my memory was when Madison told all of us, "We can sign our balls!!!" she was talking about our soccer balls because none of our soccer balls were holding air for some reason.. It wasn't random or anything, it was just really funny because she threw her ball in the air and bounced it on her head when she said it. She also had this huge grin on her face. Within my deepest memories, Abby can be found. She sat on the floor of the school with a deflated soccer ball on top of her head staring at a wall for two hours. Originally, she was sitting on the floor because Heidi was packing her suitcase on top of their bed. She was so zoned out that she just stayed in the same position on the ground. It was ridiculous. Well, I could write page after page going on about my memorable moments from this trip, but everyone is going to write so it is a good idea to let others tell some of the stories....

Love Always~ Hunter Harbottle

I came to Europe to make memories and get better at soccer, and that's exactly what's been happening in the past two weeks. With one week left I am already filled with memories of the good times that we have had. The first one that comes to mind is the most recent one... Hunter getting sea sick on the ferry to Sweden. Although it's not a good memory, it's the most recent thing. Literally within the last 15 minutes. Something I will always remember is the people I have met so far. It's sad that I will have to make such good friends in the three weeks that I am here and then leave them, but the experience and the relationships make it worth it. We've had lots of bonding experiences, such as finding the biggest spider I have seen in my life outside our window at the clubhouse while I was in the middle of the story. Hunter climbed out the window of our room to kill it, and Erin climbed out too and fell off the ledge trying to get to the spider. The rest of us were in the room screaming and laughing our heads off while taking videos ☺ The morning after that we found another spider. It was mixed in with my stuff on the floor, and when I ran out of the room screaming and waking up all the other girls, the girls left in the room made it crawl in my bag while they were trying to kill it. That was pretty freaky... but we got it out. There are lots of memories left to tell but we're all hungry and going to eat so that's it for now ☺

Love, Sierra Martin

3rd week of Most Memorable Moments

As our last day together came around, I started thinking about what really made this trip special, and to tell the truth it was the friendships and activities we did. Soccer was definitely a huge amazing part, but making new friends was super fun. It is gonna be really hard to say goodbye to everyone in Seattle because I've become close to many people and really became friends with them. One memory with my friends that I will remember forever is going to Skagen in Denmark. It was only Morgan, Abby, Heidi, Kayla, Matilda, Linda, Madison, Sierra, Paige, Hunter, and I. We took tons of pictures and really got the chance to become friends and remember that even though some rough things happened along the trip, we still had each other. Another memory that I am most definitely going to remember is, the first night we were back in Sweden for Gothia Cup, we were at dinner at the cafeteria and Madison Moore was completely slap happy just as well as all of us, and she made some really funny comments and we could not stop laughing. It was really fun and funny. Throughout the last week of this tour a lot of things happened that made memories, but when we all went to Liseberg (the amusement park) and went on all the rides together and took pictures it made me realize how much I'm really going to miss everybody. On the last night in our school in

Sweden that we stayed at for Gothia Cup, Paige, Morgan, and I organized a little prank. Julia and Lily were taking showers so we took all their stuff and moved it down to a hallway with stairs that no one ever goes to and we left clues all over the school for them to find their stuff but the clues weren't very helpful so in the end we all had to go grab their stuff for them. Julia ran after Paige, Morgan, and I with a brush, it was quite funny. One last thing that really made our trip special was meeting new people from different countries, whether we did this at the disco (while dancing), or at the schools, it was still special. One time that was very recent where I met new people was at our school in Sweden, there was a Norwegian team staying on the same floor as our coaches and guys team, and I got my name on the back of my Gothia Cup sweatshirt so a bunch of guys started saying my name over and over again, then on the second to last day they came looking for me and couldn't find me so I didn't get to say bye. It was sad but I made new friends that way and will always remember them. This trip was amazing, not only because I got to take it with my closest friend (Hunter Shae Harbottle ☺), but because I met new people, played soccer, made a new family, laughed tons, got to go to the beach, went to the amusement park, went sightseeing, got to see tons of people from past trips, became closer to old friends, pulled pranks, and ate new food! I'm going to miss it here a lot, not only the place but all the people as well. I hope to come back again like I've done before, but for now this has been a great trip and I'm gonna miss everybody tons :'(I love everybody so much (yes even Kyle and Spencer), and will miss them tons.

All the Love in the World,

Tasha Lorelle Jordan

Before leaving my home back in Colorado, I figured that this trip was all about soccer. But now as the trip is ending, I realize that soccer was just a sideline event to this trip. Starting at week one with training, soccer became a fun activity to do with all the other NSA kids. It was a way to really get to know them and befriend them. Once training was done, I got to go on my first boat ride to Denmark. There was this store with a butt load of candy in it and all of us bought different kinds of candy and then we let each other sample all the types of candy..... My favorite candy didn't reveal itself until later on in the trip. Once settled down at the school in Denmark, the Dana Cup began. We lost every game but one during that tournament except one. By not losing as bad as some other teams, we found ourselves playing in the semi finals in the B bracket (it turns out that there were only four teams in our bracket). For the semi finals, an India team was our rivals. Once the game began, we knew we would win. It was the funniest game of our lives! An Indian girl grabbed Heidi by the arm and drug

her to the ground, then, Paige checked a girl and got a yellow card, it was so funny!!! We ended up winning that game 6 to 0. But by the end of the tournament, we claimed second place in our bracket. After the Dana Cup, we were shipped back over to Sweden for the Gothia Cup!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The school we got to stay at was 4 stories high, plus it had a basement. Anyways, we stayed on the third floor and the NSA girls got their own hallway. It was so nice☺ since the school was near a pizza store and some other places, we all got pizza almost every night☺☺☺. It was the best pizza I have ever had, too. You know, I could try and write out everything that happened during the Gothia Cup, but it's what happened after it that gave me friends and memories that will last forever☺. Once we got out of the tournament, we went to the amusement park. Tasha, Paige, Lily, Emma, and I all went on this new ride called the ATMOS FEAR. It's one of those rides that takes you really high up in the air and then it just drops you and then stops at the bottom. It was amazing to be able to experience that with Tasha. She has been on this trip four times now and she had done pretty much everything already. I thought it made us closer as friends to be able to do that ride for the first time together. She was already one of my best friends, but now she is my best friend. Later on in the day, Madison Moore joined Tasha and I for the log ride. She has to be the nicest, funniest person I have ever met. She had brought a trash bag to the amusement park with her so that she could put her stuff in it if it continued to rain all day, but it didn't so we used it during the water rides. Then, as yesterday was our full last day in Europe together, we all signed shirts and gave our phone numbers to each other. It was so much fun because during that time, Erin had to go somewhere so she used my slippers and then I had to go somewhere and I used her slippers, so we traded and now I am taking her slippers back with me and she is taking mine☺ them I gave Mia a pair of my shoes and she gave me one of her jackets. We wrote on the stuff we gave to one another to remind each other who had given the stuff to them☺. I will never forget the moments and laughs I shared during this trip.....

Love,

Hunter Shae Harbottle

The weeks leading up to this trip I was a very nervous girl. I didn't know what to think about leaving home for three whole weeks. I was also very scared to have to meet a bunch of new people. As the trip went on everything got better and better. I made so many new friends, that I will never forget. Not only is this trip a great way to improve your soccer skills, it's also a trip that has created so many memories. I will never forget things like how Erin Evans and Heidi Small would have their nightly fights and tackle or

slap each other for some stupid reason and how we were awoken at 12:30 at night because some Italian kids pulled the fire alarm. My best memory of the trip has to be going to Liseberg. We got to the amusement park at 11:00 and stayed until 8:00. It would be fair to say that everyone had the time of their lives at Europe's biggest amusement park. My favorite part of Liseberg was definitely riding the gigantic wooden rollercoaster 4 times just to get the right picture. The scariest part was riding the Atmosphere, you go up and up and up till you're higher than a 20 story hotel then you drop and 5 seconds later you're on the ground again. It was scary, yet at the same time it was fun. I thought it was really fun to see how the rest of the world plays soccer. It was exciting to just know this team you are playing is from a completely different place than you. During the Gothia Cup the school we stayed at had a little turf field right outside and it was really fun to play on and have a little fun. It was really cool to go to Europe and see how the other kids in the world live and how they act. In ways the kids are very similar and also very different. As I sit on the airplane and write this I start to get excited that I'm actually going to be home after three weeks, but at the same time I'm getting sad realizing that I soon have to say good bye to all the friends I've made. This trip was truly amazing, I just hope that when my kids are my age they can come on this trip and have the same experience I had. 😊

Love,

Madison Moore 😊

At the beginning of this trip I was very nervous, because I knew I wouldn't know anyone but my Hawaii friends. But as soon as I got to the airport everyone was very nice to us we all started to talk to each other, and became good friends. But I still became home-sick, but I still knew that being here was good for improving my skills in soccer and also, giving me an opportunity like this to travel around the world to new places. But half way through the trip it was crazy how all of a sudden you just notice that, you've made so many new friends but, it seems like you've known them forever. Which seems crazy but it's fun being around them. Starting at Dana dup we were staying at a school in Denmark, and It was a surprise to meet a girl name Helen, but they were all very nice and all the games were fun. Especially when we were winning all the games. Then in the Gothea cup it was also fun, but this time we didn't get as far as last time, but I was playing double rostered which was fun. Then when we went to the amusement park which was so fun, going on all the rides with everyone was awesome, and just over all it was just a great experience on this Europe, and it would be fun to come back next year.

From,

Helen Remke !! :)

During the three weeks of staying in Sweden and Denmark, it was all about playing soccer. Every day was a new day to sleep, wake up, play, eat, and then sleep. These three weeks were rough. My most memorable moment was the amusement park. Where I overcame my fear of rollercoaster's and heights. This trip was fun though. I never got how this trip went by so fast. Well it did, and now I get to remember what all most was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Mia Root

Throughout this soccer trip I have had many new experiences. One of my most memorable moments is when I hurt my ankle in the first game. It may sound weird, but it was the feeling I got when I walked off the field by myself. I did get crutches later on that day, but I felt like it was worth it. When I got back on the field it was Gothia Cup and the first team we had to play was Brazil. We were doing good for the first ten minutes and then they scored their first goal. After that they just got a whole rally of goals until the game ended 0 – 10. All together on this trip I have made many new friends from different countries of Europe and many new memories!

Spencer Vercelli

3 Most Memorable Items from each week:

Sierra's Memorable Moments ☺

- Week One: -Meeting all of our teammates from the U.S. in the airport in Seattle.
 - Playing soccer with the Swedish girls and boys the first night we arrived in Sweden.
 - Finding two huge spiders in our room in one night and morning and having all the girls in our room panic and wake up all the other girls.
- Week Two: -Playing my first game in Sweden and getting that experience as a team.
 - Scoring my first international goal in our game against India and playing goalie in some of our games.

- Staying in the school for the first time and being around other teams from the Dana Cup.
- Week Three: -Leaving the friends we made during the entire tour ☹
- Scoring my second goal in a 2-1 game and getting past the first round of eliminations in Gothia Cup.
- The opening ceremonies! ☺

Heidi's NSA memorable moments

Week One

- Having the Swedish girls happily greet us after getting off the bus.
- Introducing ourselves and getting to know our new foreign teammates. Also, scrimmaging them later that night.
- Playing the boys in the pouring rain and then running around the field enjoying it!!!!

Week Two

- Walking down the little streets with our team on our way to the opening ceremonies. Then we ran up the ramp podium thing representing NSA.
- Cheering on the Bildal girls in their final and watching them all flop over with excitement after they won ☺
- Knowing that the pressure was off for making the finals after playing India. (We smoked them :P)

Week Three

- Walking down to the nearby pizzeria with some of the girls to cheer on U.S play in the World Cup finals.
- OPENING CEREMONIES BABY!!
- Going to Liseberg with some of the Swedish girls and the rest of our team. It was soooooo much fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

~Heidi Small

HUNTER HARBOTTLE'S EUROTOUR MOMENTS TO REMEMBER...

Week One

- ~ Getting attacked by happy, giggling Swedish girls when we arrived at the camp
- ~ Learning everyone's name and trying to pronounce them (It was really hard to say some of their names)
- ~ Having one of the coaches work one on one with me on my shooting while it was raining outside.

Week Two

- ~ Playing in the Dana Cup in Denmark
- ~ Going to a beach in Skagen and getting to really relax and realize that I was in a different part of the world
- ~ Getting second place in our bracket for Dana Cup

Week Three

- ~ Arriving at the school and seeing all the different teams all around
- ~ getting to go to the opening ceremonies for the GOTHIA CUP!!
- ~ Going to Liseburg Amusement park and riding the ATMOS FEAR!!!

Love Always,

Hunter Harbottle☺

Abby Kruse's eurotour memories.....

Week One.....

Arriving in another country and not being able to understand anyone and having to try to communicate..... VERY HARD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Training and getting to know everyone and being able to talk IN ENGLISH!!!

Trying to learn some Swedish and totally failing and getting laughed at... in a good way ;)

Week Two.....

Getting used to walking everywhere..... even if it was 5 miles away!! ☺

Playing in the Dana Cup and scoring my first international goal in my first international game in my first international tournament!!!! And then also playing on the '99 girls team and them winning their division completely as in first place!!!! and also the Billdal girls winning their division also!!!!(the girls that trained with us during the first week!!!!

Not wanting to go to Skagen, going anyway and totally 100% LOVING IT!!!!

Week Three.....

Going back to Sweden and going to the opening ceremonies of the Gothia Cup!!!!(it was AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Playing in the Gothia Cup and having to travel all over the town to get to our field every day..... getting to know Gothenburg!!!!

And of course touring and going to the islands and shopping and going to LISEBURG!!!!!!!!!! It was a total blast!!! I went on a roller coaster in SWEDEN!!!!!! Now who can really say that???

Yeah I loved the eurotour!!

-Abby Kruse

Week 1...

Finally arriving in Europe and getting to the Bildal club house. The Colorado girls picked our own room and had a ton of fun. Also right outside of our room there was a huge

spider and we had to have Erin and Hunter go kill it, then the next day in our room there was a huge spider, it was so scary!!

Training and getting to meet all the people we would be playing with, and playing soccer ☺
Then going to the beach and pushing and getting pushed in by people

Hunter and I were brushing our teeth one morning and I told her that we were having eggs and potatoes for breakfast thinking she completely understood what I was saying. But later on when we were in line for breakfast and we were about to get potatoes she said, "So this is what Asian Potatoes look like/are!!!" it was so funny!! Then I told her that I said eggs and potatoes, not Asian Potatoes

Week 2...

The Dana Cup opening ceremonies were super fun and crazy, it was great! We were all wearing our NSA stuff and doing chants with tattoos on our faces

The disco was so much fun, we danced tons and we were just having a great time, the whole Colorado group went, it was a ton of fun!! I LOVED IT!!

There was a group of us older girls that went to Skagen because we didn't have a game, and it was so much fun because we got to just hang out and become closer as a team and as friends, it is something I will remember for forever

Week 3...

We got back on the ferry and rode it back to Sweden, then the next day we went to our first game, and the opening ceremonies. The ceremonies were amazing and we were second row in the center, it was so amazing to be super close and really getting into everything!

The pizza place I've gone to all 4 years I have been on this trip was still there and we ate at it a lot. It was amazing, as normal! I'm gonna miss that pizza!

Just being at the school was very memorable for me because we met other teams from Norway and Germany, and they would always say my name, it was super funny. The school itself was awesome. I'm so happy we stayed at that school. Oh...and we pulled a prank on Lily and Julia! It was a ton of fun!

Overall Eurotour 2011 was quite amazing with all my friends and my new friends. I will remember this experience forever, I loved it!!

Love Always,

Tasha Lorelle Jordan ☺ <3



I think the most memorable thing on this trip so far would have to be embracing all the cultures around us. As soon as we arrived at the club house we started talking to the Swedish girls, and even though most of the time we were all so very confused and had no idea what they were saying we just smiled because it sounded so interesting and different. They taught us all a few words, but at the end of the day we were all able to say we learned something new. It goes as well as the Danish boys. Although I haven't talked to them, just hearing the language just amazes you. I would have to say the greatest thing though is that, even though we come from different countries, and states, we can all come together and play as team mates. – Morgan Remke

The moment that I remember the most from the past week would have to be the morning that I skipped breakfast on accident. I was so hungry that day and I don't know why but when they were saying that breakfast was ready, I didn't hear them. I didn't even notice when everyone was gone for about twenty minutes and I just saw people walking back and forth from the kitchen. After, when I asked what was for breakfast, they said that it was corn flakes with milk. So I had a packet of GU and a bar and one of the European energy blocks. And the thing that I said that I will never forget about that is when I said "were starting in 20 minutes and we haven't even had breakfast yet?!" and everyone was telling me about breakfast. The reason that I said that was because

we were leaving that day and I was trying to get ahead of myself and packing in the morning, so I was rushing. There were many of those I can't believe I did that moments but I think that was one of the funniest. –Erin Evans, 2011

The most memorable moment so far was seeing how other countries live and their different cultures. It was really interesting to see how Sweden is. They don't have any trucks or bigger cars. It was really interesting to see how much of an influence America has on other countries, that they actually listen to our music and watch our T.V. shows. It was cool to hear the Icelandic language. I thought it was like a combination of Japanese and Russian. It's really different to listen to the Swedish girls talk and what they say. You can kill at least an hour just listening to them talk even though we have no idea what they're saying. It's interesting to see the way they act. It was even more different to see the way the Danish boys act. I never expected them to be so hyper and just crazy. It truly is amazing to see how different our countries are, but how we're still able to be friends. ☺

Here in Sweden I have done many things, but it's not the activities that I have done but the people I have met. Without this trip I would never have met these amazing people. I never would have met the amazing girls from Colorado and Hawaii or the great guys from my own state. The Swedish girls I will never forget even if I occasionally forget their names. Because of this trip I have met guys from Sweden and Denmark, all so funny and really amazing people. Everyone I have met on this trip has taught me something about where they come from and something about myself as well. The boys teach me Swedish and Danish and the girls help translate things for me. Even if I forget every drill we did here in NSA I will never forget the people that I have met here. ~Lily Dubuc

This trip has taught me so many things. Even though it is not yet over it feels like 3 weeks full of new experiences. We met girls from Sweden, Colorado, and California. We also met boys from Sweden and Denmark. Learning a few words of Swedish from the girls were very fun, it was also fun just to listen to their conversations and not know what the heck what they were talking about. Learning a little part of everybody else's culture was probably one of my favorite parts of this trip so far, I'm sure there is plenty more exciting experiences to come! ~ Kayla Johnson

Jag tycker det roligaste på dom har senaste dagarna har varit att träffa alla människor och att få lära sig mer Amerikanska. I början var det lite svårt att prata med dom från NSA men man lärde sig det ganska snabbt. Men det roligaste av allt var att få reda på att man får följa med till Dana cup. ~Sara Ehrnber

Det har vært en god uge i Sverige, og træningen var god.

Turen til Danmark var god ind til vi skulle spise, der var de fleste spise steder lukket, saa jeg blev noed til at spise slik, det var ikke godt, men nu er man klare til dana cup i en uge. Jonas Nissen

Hej nu har jeg vaeret med NSA i 2 uger, og jeg synes det har vaeret lidt specielt og skulle laere en helt ny maade at spille fodbold paa. det var lidt svaert i den foeste uge pga. Man ikke kendte nogen og kendte heller ikke spillestilen, men det var sjovt at se hvordan de traener ovre i USA.

Dana cup var lidt en skuffelse, for vi vandt ingen kampe, men nogle af dem vi spillede mod naaede finalen og saa var de ogsaa hoejere, stoerer og aeldre end os, men det har vaeret sjovt.

For mig har det vaeret haardt at starte op igen efter min skade med 6 timers traening om dagen i 4 dage og bagefter 5 kampe paa 3 dage, men jeg er ved at komme i form nu, saa det gaar fremad 😊

Alex Hersboell

So far I think the most memorable moment was the first day when we met everyone from different countries, and also when we got to the club house and met the Swedish girls and the rest of the boys. We all are getting along so well. I also liked the moment when we played barefoot against the boys and the Swedish girls.
Helen Remke.

After being here for exactly three weeks, it feels good knowing that we are going home with a ton of new friends and memories. We have had the best time freaking out over spiders, going into town and hanging out, going to Skagen, sightseeing, eating ice cream, learning some Swedish here and there, becoming better players on the field and off, and most of all, just hanging out and getting to know everyone just a little bit too much! But I think for me this whole thing feels like a dream and all my wishes keep coming true!! It has been an experience of a lifetime and I loved every moment of it. -Abby Kruse

The trip is coming to an end. We're flying back home today. As happy as I am to see my friends and family I know that as soon as my flight lands in California tomorrow I will be counting down the days till the 2012 Euro Tour. This trip has given me so many experiences that I will always have. I now know a little Swedish and Danish, can order food and receive something that actually tastes good, and can navigate through cities and towns. These skills I know will help me in life. Every day here has brought a new memory, a new friend, and a new experience. I will always remember the training at

Hovas Bildal. The Swedish girls were so nice right from the start! I'll always remember the Dana cup. My first international tournament and I played a game with the boy's team. That's something I know that not many other American girls can say. We even came in second which is great as well. I have loved many things from this trip. From the soccer, to the opening ceremonies, to the ice cream ☺ but the part I loved most was the people. I will never forget those Danish guys who made me laugh every day. Or the Swedish girls and guys who were all so kind and taught me a little Swedish as well as made me a better player. Even the coaches who had some days when they were a little mad, they were still great people. Especially Sorin who is the kindest man in Denmark, always looking out for us and making the trip even more enjoyable. This trip everyone said was a once in a life time experience, but I loved it so much that I know I will definitely be a part of it again. ~Lily Dubuc

My favorite part was in the Dana Cup. It was when the 99's and I won all of our games and made it to the finals and won. It was a very exciting game. The best part was when I voted MVP of the game. Also when we got the trophy. It looked like the World Cup trophy. Mia Root

It was very fun on dana cup. And the best was at we 99's won all of our games the whole cup! ☺ :D but the final was very exciting. The final won we on penalty. It was so fun on dana cup ☺ ~Sara Ehrnberg

Over the past two weeks, every minute of every day is worth remembering. Through meeting new people learning about culture and the sport we all came here to play, I've learned many things about myself too. I have learned how lucky I am to have come here and meet a girls U-13 team from Sweden. We became so very close in only the time of one week of constant soccer. Although I have countless memories with this wonderful group of girls one of my favorite memories was when they won their finals in the A bracket. We were all screaming our hearts out for them in the stadium. It all paid off when the whistle blew at the end of overtime with a great feeling of relief. I was so happy for them, they had worked so hard and they really deserved it. It was so cool to see them all flop over onto each other, smiling ear to ear with excitement. Their victory of winning the final is a memory I will surely never forget.

Back to California! This trip has been one of the best experiences of my life. I got to go to beaches, and discos, and shopping. I ate the local food, and of course played soccer. I met new friends that will last a life time. As great as soccer in the U.S is, the soccer in Europe is a million times better. There is spirit there that we don't have here and I have decided that I want to bring it to the U.S. I'll start in California and maybe if all of NSA can work together we can make the U.S care as much as the world does. This trip is a great thing and I know I will be part of NSA for the rest of my life. Goodbye Sweden and Denmark. I will visit again soon! ~Lily Dubuc

Going home is a bitter sweet thing, leaving all of the new friends that I made but coming home to all of my old friends. This is a trip I will never forget.- Kyle Moore

