

Hey Y'all!

I have been hearing that quite a lot lately. Life in Alabama has been good and the time has been quickly flying by. I am still trying to make the most of the little time I have left in Scottsboro, so therefore I am quite busy. My Host Mum, Debbie, and the rest of her family, are great and I'm having a great time getting to know them.

At school I have four classes a day; English, US History, El Español(Spanish), and Creative Writing. At the high school there are two other exchange students. They are both from Germany. The other students at Scottsboro High are all really friendly and are quite interested in Australia. There are lots of products that are named after Australia; Kangaroo gas station, Aussie care products, and the Outback steakhouse.

I have recently just come back from my Washington DC trip; shaking hands with Obama at the White House? This trip was for all the exchange students in the northeast Alabama region. My favourite part of this trip was when we visited Arlington cemetery. It is where America's soldiers are buried from all the wars, as well as all their Presidents. They have an unnamed soldier that has not been unguarded since 1933. Every hour on the hour the guards change, a process taking exactly 12 minutes. I am looking forward to the trip to Disneyworld in January too.

It's nearly Halloween and today I carved my first pumpkin and it was a lot of fun. It's starting to get colder here in time for Christmas and there's a good chance that it will snow! A couple of weeks ago we had homecoming. The homecoming Queen was announced and a parade was held through the City of Scottsboro. I went and helped build my grade's float which was an interesting and unique experience. Because the football team played Boaz and their mascot was a pirate we had the theme of 'Sink the Pirates'.

Pep rallies are one of the best parts of school in the United States. They're held for every home football game. They are held to encourage school spirit and to support our football team. Next Friday we will have our last high school football game of the season. Go Wildcats! College football is a huge deal here in Alabama, a huge rivalry dividing many between Alabama and Auburn. Alabama fans will all shout "Roll Tide", and are currently the national champions. Auburn fans shout "War Eagle" and are not far behind Alabama. It depends on who I'm talking too as to whether I am and Alabama or Auburn fan.

I've been enjoying my time in Scottsboro and have missed everyone back in Australia but time is passing by so fast that it will not be long before I see you all again.

So Roll Tide and War Eagle!

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