



Newsletter-STS Austria

STS in Mariazell on Sunday, 18th of December 2011

Last Sunday we had a great winter day and a nice STS meeting in Mariazell – in Styria! Four STS exchange students with their wonderful host families visited our famous advent market in Mariazell: Fraser from Australia, Roberta from Brazil, Ellen from Sweden and Ksenia from Russia. The day started with lunch. Then we needed all a walk near the lake “Erlaufsee”. The sun was shining and we had so much fun with the snow. Ellen from Sweden was cross-country skiing and her host family was bobsleighbing. After the walk, the Skiing and Sleighbing we met in the city near the big advent wreath. I showed them three different Christmas nativity in Mariazell. One crib was on the hill - "Mechanische Krippe" and one crib with live animals and a very old crib in the church - "Barockkrippe". After this short walk Ksenia from Russia with her friend and her host father had arrived. That's why we don't have pictures with all students and host families together. Some of us enjoyed a concert in the afternoon. The others went around the advent market. In the evening we met again in a Restaurant with the "Mariazeller Landmusik". They had played Austrian folk music only for STS. I was really happy to see how the students are grateful here in Austria. All families and I enjoyed this day a lot. Many thanks to STS for inviting to the cribs and to the concert. I'm looking forward to meet them all soon again. Your arearep Ulli



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Nice Ksenia and her host dad



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Sweet Roberta and her
host brother



Wonderful Fraser and his
host sister



Ulli and her students



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