

# STS Student Travel Schools

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## Styria meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009



Last Saturday there was the Styrian meeting in the opera house in Graz. More than 30 people - host families, a former host mom and a new host mum and her daughters, and my daughter and a friend and students, Katrin, the area -rep Ulli and me - saw the performance of the musical "Sound of Music".

In the early afternoon Katrin arrived with 4 students in Graz ( Drake from Cameron, Cameron, Jorja and Phoebe from Australia).

First they did a little shopping at a snowboard shop and Drake and Cameron fell in love with some nice Christmas presents...



*Cam, Jorja, Drake and Phoebe at the decorated city of Graz*



*Cam with his preferred snowboard binding*

Then they met my host son Hadrien and his buddy Parick who showed them round in the beautiful city which has already been illuminated for Christmas. Of course they were also looking for souvenirs and shopping as they are all going home soon.



*Patrik, Drake, Cameron, Katelyn, Jorja, Phoebe and Hadrien*

The musical was quite nice and the students enjoyed it, especially as each of them knows the story of the famous Trapp family. There was as well Cristobal, our student from Venezuela with his host siblings...so everyone was happy, Kirsten from Australia and her new host family was there too



*Family Haider, who will host from fall 2010 on*



*Kirsten and her new host mum*



*Patrik and Ira*

Katrin and her 4 students and Katelyn and Kirsten stayed overnight in my house (they both live nearby). Of course they did not sleep the whole night. (from Katrin: I guess they did not sleep at all :o))

I like to organize such events in the opera house as the building itself is worth seeing. It was built 100 years ago and so the feeling to be inside such an old building is amazing, too. In addition to that Austria is a country where the operas have had a long tradition and so visiting a performance in an opera house here is one of Austria's typical events.

Your Arearep Hannelore



*Some are missing...so sorry....*

Finally, let me thank here very much Hannelore who is our wonderful arearep and does a great job, I think you can all see how the students and host families like her :o)

Your Katrin