

Dear host family

I'm writing this presentation as a candidate to the immersion California stay. I assume that host families are willing to know a bit more about the candidates as we're going to share moments of life during a couple of weeks.

My name is Effy, I live with my parents and my brother in Paris eastern suburbs. I'm currently 15 years old. I'm in second grade in Pablo Picasso high school

My brother is a bit younger, he's 14. His name is Caryl and he is in a class with adapted schedule for music (he plays the drums). The main middle school in Fontenay sous Bois, our city, allows this kind of « music class ». I've done it also but I played the piano and it was fantastic ! ✨

My parents work as air traffic controllers, my mother in Paris Orly Airport, my father in Paris Area Control Center.

My favorite hobby is reading because it immediately brings me in another world. Last year, I was part of the jury in a youth book fair. It was great to read the five selected books and debate with other members of the jury to decide who deserves to win.

I like cooking brownies or crepes (maybe I could cook some for you), going on holidays with my grand parents (we went to Barcelona or Brittany), skiing with my parents and friends, spending time with my cousins in our grand parents' house. I'm very creative so I like trying new things like painting, ceramics, drawing, creating jewellery.

When I was younger, I used to play ice-hockey ; I stopped doing it because it was too far from our house. However I still love to skate whether on ice or with rollerblades.

Now I'm playing badminton and I like that because it's fun and I got friends there.

I also like to listen music like for example Rihanna, Nirvana, Maneskin (we saw them in a music festival last summer). In July, we are going to see Imagine Dragons in Paris ! 🤩 I can't wait...

We have 4 animals : our 2 cats are Pimousse (my favorite! 🐱) who is entirely black and Pika, a mini tiger, they're my little babies!! I just love to cuddle them. We also have 2 guinea pigs (Taggy and Toklo). As we live in a big house with a garden, our cats often wander outside and sometimes bring us mice...

My closest friends are the ones I was with in middle school. As I told you, I was in a music class where all the students are the same from one year to the other. So we developed strong bonds and I love to spend time with them.

Nhi-Loane is my best friend. We met in that music class. Her mother comes from VietNam so I always ask her to cook me spring rolls or nems 😊. Nhi-Loane is very funny, sympathetic, generous and smart but she could be grumpy. Now we are in second grade and we go to different schools so I started practising karate (the activity she has been doing since her childhood) in order to see each other at least once a week.

Nina is a very close friend. We live in the same street and we go to school together. We aren't in the same class but we can meet at each break. We both like drawing. She's funny but always late! 😂

Annoa is my cousin but she's also a close friend. We "facetime" each other because we don't live in the same city. She lives in Orleans, two hours from where we live by car. We spend some of our summer holidays together and we try to see 3 or 4 other times in the year. She has one little brother (Corto, who is 13) and a little sister (Hinata, who is 10) and they are very cute !

I shouldn't say that because we don't always get along but most of the time, Caryl my brother is a good friend too!

I still don't know precisely what I want to do later but what I know is that I'd like to work with animals. Being an animal caretaker in a zoo or in animal reserves would suit me for example. I could be a vet too.

As a logical consequence one of the subjects I prefer to study is biology. But I also like maths and physics.

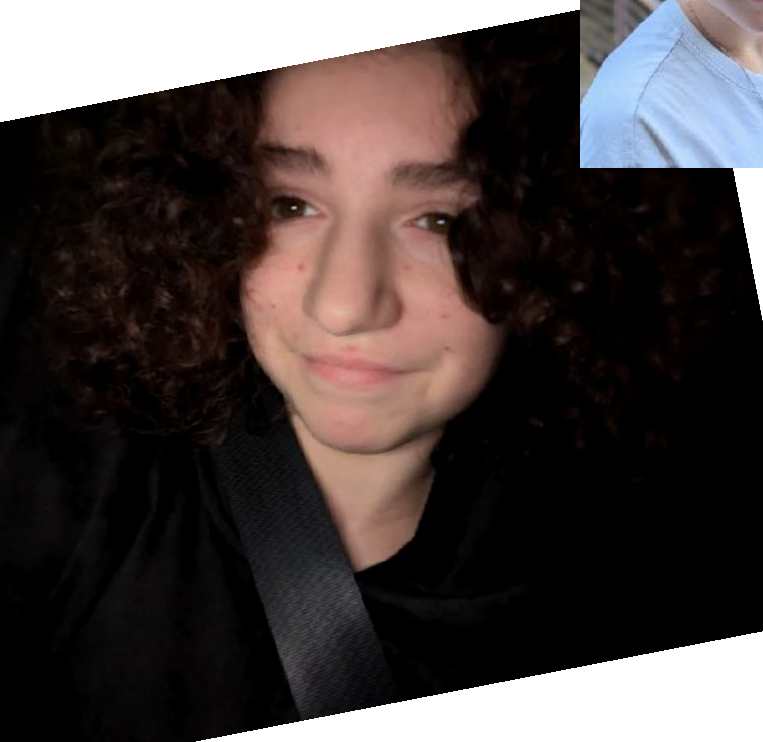
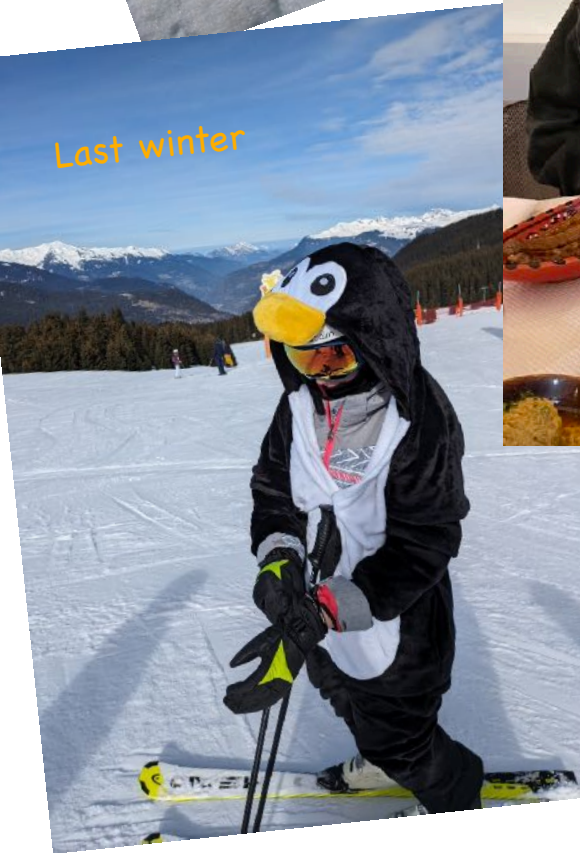
In high school we have to choose at least two languages to study. I picked English and Spanish. And I also decided to learn Italian as an option (my Dad is learning too but I'm better !😁)

Going to the USA is a great chance that I'm been given ; I can improve my skills while discovering another culture, and not the less popular ! I listen to a lot of English-speaking artists and I'm aware that I need to progress, especially with oral skills. Speaking English is a great way of socializing. For example I travelled quite a lot with my parents and I can see that speaking French only is not an option in many different countries.

Thanks a lot in advance to welcome my fellow students and myself and I hope to bring back a whole bunch of fantastic memories...



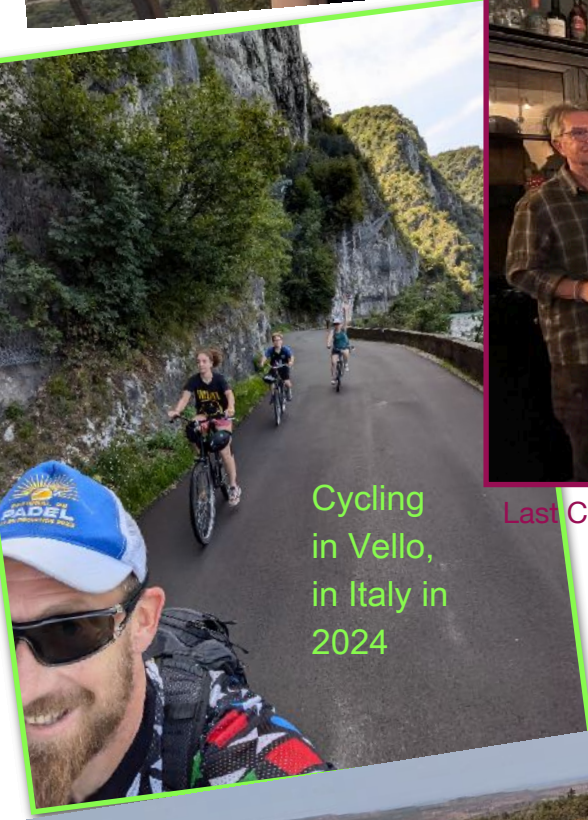
EFFY from 2009 to 2025...





# MY FAMILY

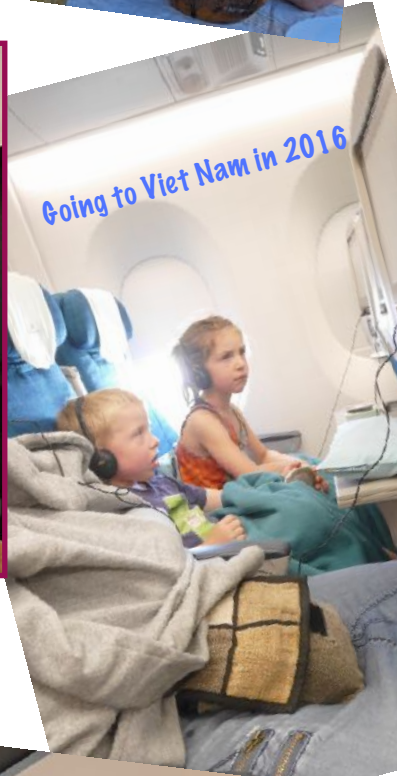
In Italy, last summer, with my parents and my brother



Cycling in Vello, in Italy in 2024



Last Christmas with my 4 grand parents and all my cousins



In London for my birthday with my brother and my cousins (Annoa, Corto and Hinata)



**IN PARIS...**



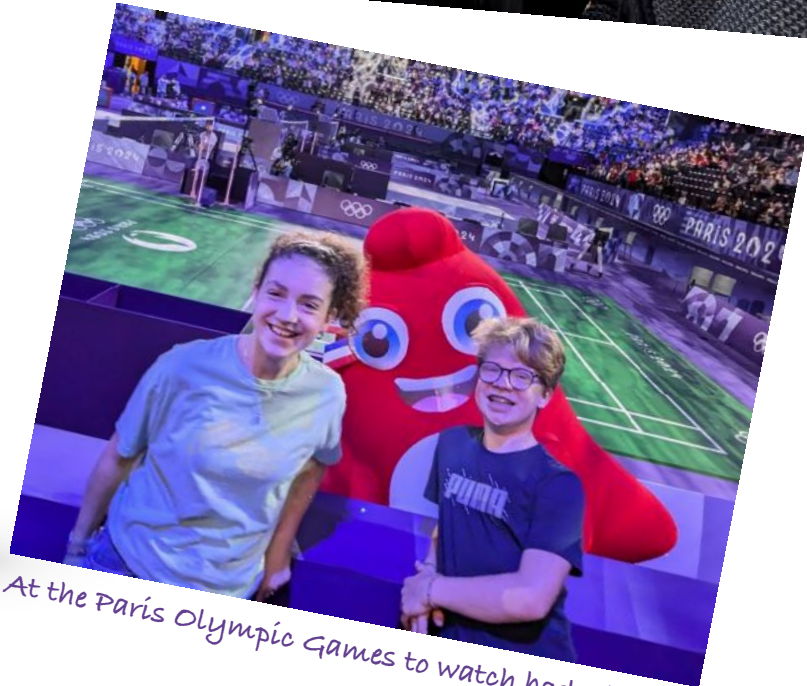
*Playing ice hockey in 2023*



*At the top of the Eiffel Tower with my Dad*



*At the Parc des Princes for a soccer match with my brother and my father*



*At the Paris Olympic Games to watch badminton*



*At Maneskin's concert in 2024*





NHI-LOANE, MY BEST FRIEND



# MY FRIENDS



ANNOA, MY COUSIN



# MY ANIMALS

