

**Eddie Bennett of Evening Star Lodge enjoyed a two week stay at the Swedish Camp Sjölundén in Minnesota last month. As you can see from his report he had a great time there.**

**If you apply for the Andrew Wendell Scholarship and fulfill the requirements, you may get to go to Sjölundén and have a fantastic experience, too!**



*To Whom It May Concern,*

*My experience at Sjölundén was absolutely amazing. The climate and atmosphere of Minnesota vividly mirrored that of Sweden, passionately adding to my experience. Furthermore, traditional Swedish foods, activities, and games allowed me to fully indulge myself in the Swedish culture. I even accomplished the "Super Svenske" challenge where villagers would go a whole day with only speaking Swedish and if they spoke English even once they would lose the challenge.*

*At Sjölundén, I was able to learn more of both the Swedish culture and language through interesting and engaging activities. A major part that added to the joy of the experience was how I made many new friends my age who I could participate and engage in the culture with. The counselors and staff at Sjölundén made it their goal to ensure I had a safe and memorable time, as well as ensure I left with new inspiration and understanding of the Swedish culture.*

*It is only through the 2011 Andrew Wendell Scholarship granted to me by Vasa Order of America that I was able to participate in this once in a lifetime, memorable experience. I would like to say thank you for allowing me to have on this enjoyable journey that I will cherish forever.*

*Sincerely,  
Eddie Bennett*

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