

Rotary Youth Exchange



Me and myself

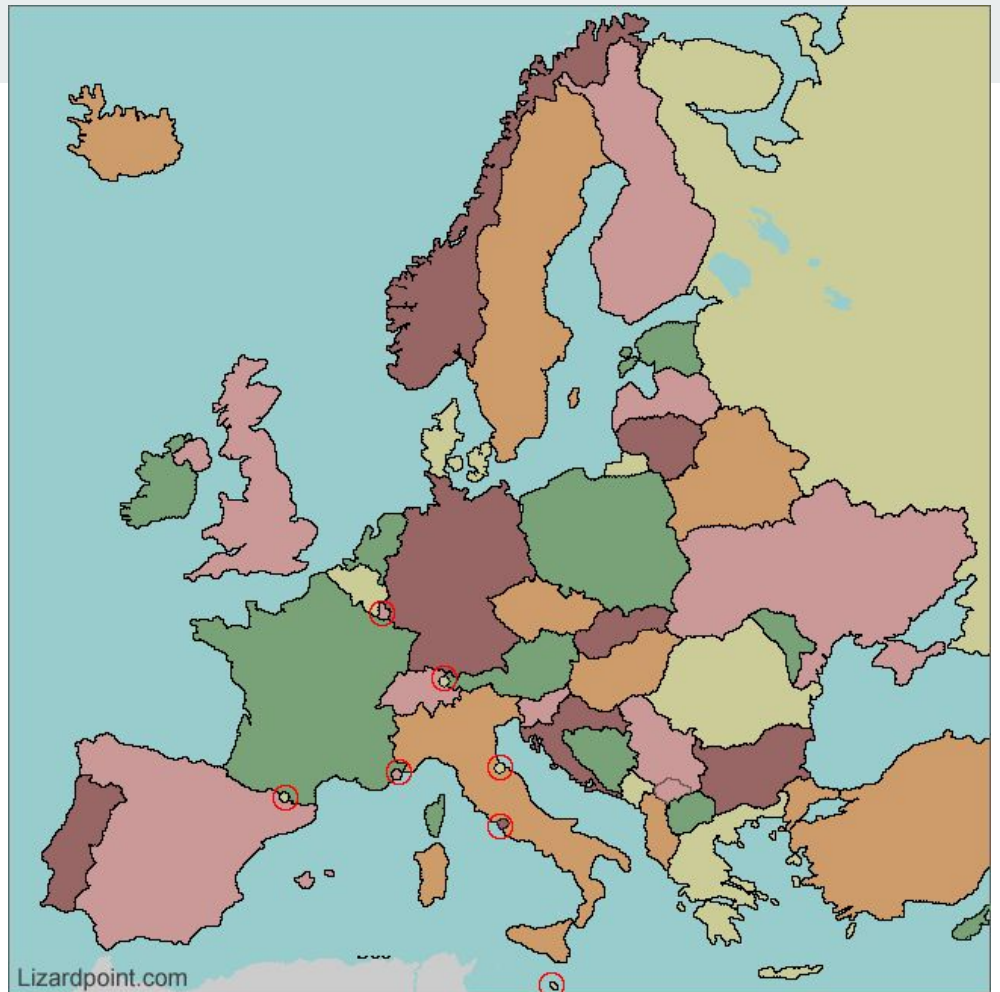
My name is William Niclas Folkesson
and I'm 18.5 years old.

I'm from Sweden.

Things I love: My family, my friends,
exploring the world and food.



*Do you know
where Sweden is
on the map of
Europe?*



Where do I come from?

I was born in Halmstad, but raised in Helsingborg.

45 minute drive

Moved to Helsingborg in 2008.

Swedish: Skåne

English: Scania



Helsingborg

Helsingborg is an old, wonderful city with lots of nice restaurants and things to explore, but despite these qualities it is not well known in Sweden.

In my opinion, one of the most beautiful city in all of Sweden.



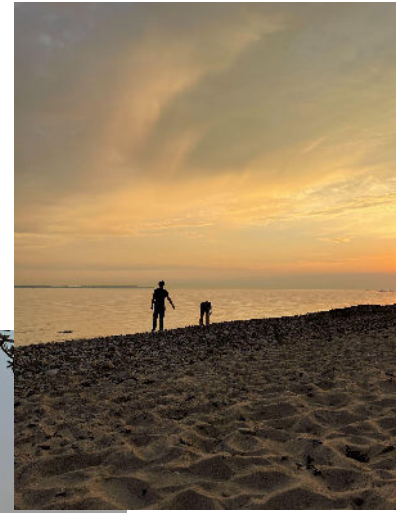
Helsingborg

150,109 citizens live in Helsingborg.

It is the 7th largest city in Sweden.
Stockholm is the largest with 1.6 million people.

You can see Helsingör, Denmark from my city which is less than 2 miles away.

Fun fact: Scania was part of Denmark from 1658-1720.



What Helsingborg is known for

Sofiero Palace

Magnus Stenbock statue

Kärnan, old fortress

The ferry, family Christmas tradition

The ferry between Denmark and Sweden
takes only 20 minutes.



My High School

The name of my school is Thorén Business School, often called TBS:

- Private, not public high school
- 400 students
- Grades 10-12

The school focus mainly on youth entrepreneurship in three areas of concentration: social studies, science and economics.

8-10 standard courses and electives per term.

I want to be an entrepreneur, so this school is perfect for me. :)



What a Swedish school schedule looks like:

- 8:30am - 4pm.
- Full hour for lunch.
- 1 hour classes.
- Sick teacher policies - students responsible, no substitute

Often after school, especially in autumn, I go to a nearby café to study.

Schools in Helsingborg are very close to each others so we can meet up during break.

We do not have school sports. All sports are played in private clubs.

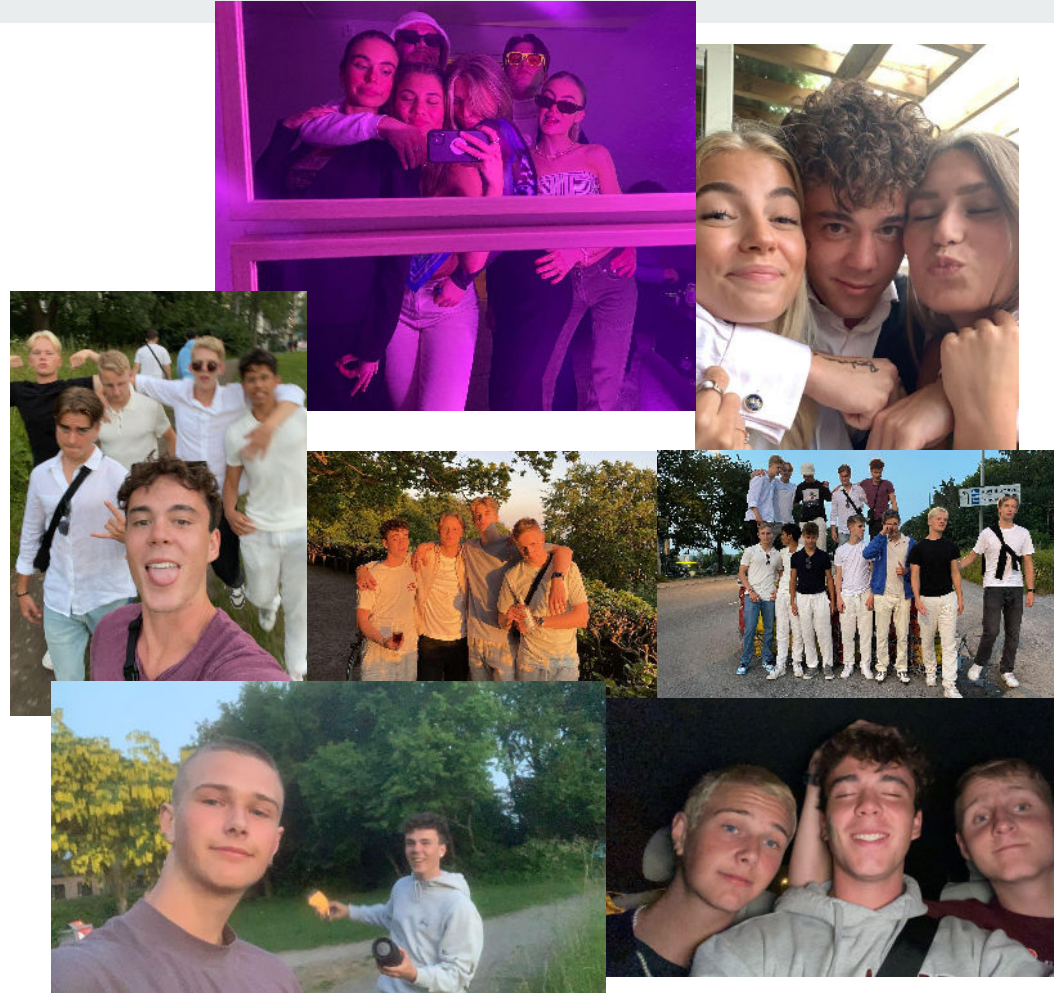
Me and my friends

Extrovert, easy to be friends with.

I absolutely love hanging out with my friends.

My closest friends are Sofus, Matheo and Fabian.

I'm a person who hangs out very often with girls, and people have the impression that I'm a **ladies man**.



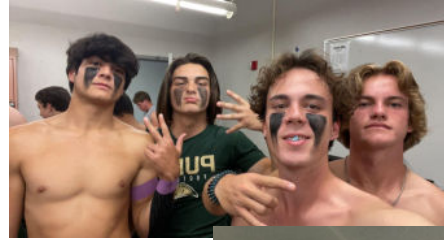
My friends from Maria Carrillo HS

I've already made a name for myself.

Often called Swede, that Swedish guy or Will. Sometimes, not very often William.

Kinda famous, everybody is talking about me, even the freshmen.

I often hang out with two separate groups: jocks and multicultural friends.



Me and my Family

Big family. Divorced parents with new partners.

Mom Jeannette and Nik (Niklas) bonus dad.

His two sons, Gabriel (13) and Ludwig (12)

Dad (Niclas) and Karin bonus mom.

Her two daughters, Alice (17) and Elsa (13)

And of course, my two brothers. Hugo (21) and Alexander (26).



My Family

At the moment, my mom is hosting a Rotary exchange student from Canada. My dad will be her second host family.

Dad is a leadership coach and investor in 11 companies.

Mom is a human resources manager.

My brother Alex, is in Iceland at the moment, exploring its extraordinary natural beauty.

My brother Hugo is studying finance and real estate at university in Stockholm.



My interests

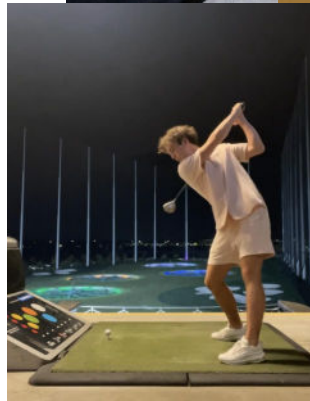
Fashion freak

I love golf, soccer and ice hockey.

Spending time with my friends.

I love spending money.

Taking random pictures.



My interests.....



Lake Sonoma



Me and Andrew cruising around



Celebrating Reeds birthday

What do I think of California
and Santa Rosa so far?



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First of all, my host family

We've had a great time together so far, i've learned so many new things.

For example, about the Redwood Highway, Golden Gate Bridge, SR earthquake in 1906.

I've attended Stanford vs USC football game.

And having an awesome host brother who I can play soccer with.



I've got to experience a lot of new things

The days when it went up to 115°F

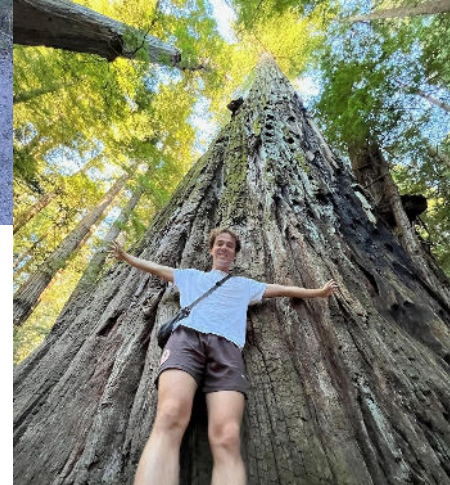
An earthquake

In-n-out & Chick-fil-a

Camping in the middle of nowhere (amazing stars!)

Redwoods and the original Redwood highway

I've explored a lot of new places outside Santa Rosa: Lost Coast, Bodie, Eastern Sierras, Redwoods, the Pacific Ocean, a little bit of Yosemite.

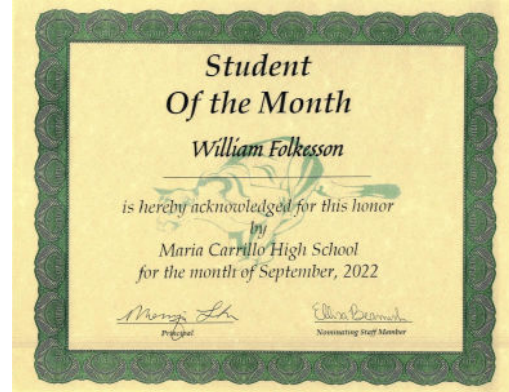


How's it going for me so far

Very good.

Doing quite well in school.

Lots of friends and I know that the rest of my exchange year is going to be great.



Varsity Football team

I play in the varsity team as a kicker. I do the extra points for the team.

Maria Carrillo Pumas, every Friday.



Future plans

Wish/Bucket list

- 6 flag magic mountain
- Attend a professional football game.
- Play more golf.
- Explore San Francisco
- Improve as a good student



*Thank you for your attention and have a
great day*

I also want to thank all of you guys that made my exchange year possible. I'm grateful!

Have wonderful Wednesday!

