

Rocky started his voyage in Victoria Canada then took the ferry to Seattle Washington where he headed south to San Diego.

In San Diego Rocky visited the Smith family. They took Rocky to a San Diego Padres Game, and on a family trip to Las Vegas. Rocky experienced riding a bus, and seeing the many of the sights of San Diego. Rocky learned about the summer heat and humidity and how it never snows in California, up in the mountains yes but not in San Diego.

From San Diego Rocky traveled to Mississippi where he visited with the Booth Family. Rocky went camping at Twelve Oaks Park, had coffee at the greenhouse and visited the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce Center downtown, he visited Gator Ranch at Moss Point and had an up close view of the Gators by the ship yard. Rocky visited ground zero for Hurricane Katrina in Waveland, and even made it on the internet

<https://www.wavelandgroundzero.com>. Rocky learned lots of things about Mississippi. He learned that the Booth Family love living on the Gulf Coast and camping year round and that Ocean Springs Mississippi has the cheapest gas prices in the country. It is nothing like Hollywood portrays in the movies. The White sand Beaches and palm trees were a surprise to the Booth Family. They had great communication with the previous families who lived in Mississippi who helped them with their transition.

Rocky headed to Connecticut next to visit the Rees and the Roy families.

He arrived on Sept 18 in Milford Connecticut. Rocky enjoyed a train ride then a ferry ride to Port Jefferson long Island NY. He also enjoyed boating on the Housatonic River and tubing on Lake Zoar.

Rocky loved being with the family and experiencing a hockey game where he watched the NY islanders and the NY Rangers.

Rocky visited Beach Days and Pumpkin Patches, exploring the beautiful city of Milford. He learned that the families living in the Connecticut area really enjoy the outdoor activities (beaches, hiking, biking trails, boating on Long Island Sound, and being close to great skiing) and visiting historical sites. Rocky was surprised to learn that Connecticut was home to the Original Pez Factory.

Rocky departed Connecticut for California on Oct 1 heading to the Palmdale area this time to visit the Allard family. Rocky went on a road trip with Allard family to spend the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend in Las Vegas with a CAF family who is stationed there. He is currently in The Palmdale area visiting and is heading to Florida, Georgia, Virginia, and Texas. If you would like to host Rocky please reach out to me at: [mfs.outreach@cfmws.com](mailto:mfs.outreach@cfmws.com).

Some of the data that Rocky has collected is:

**What is one fact that you can share about your State?**

- California It never snows
- Connecticut is home of the Pez Factory
- Northern California is farther North than southern Ontario

**What do you wish you would have known before you moved from Canada that would have been helpful for your transition to the U.S.A?**

- Navigating Healthcare
- Limited employment opportunities for spouses
- State information about sports (cost etc.)
- How & why to get a social security number, and how to import & register vehicles