

In this issue, students suggested places to visit and things to do:

This was recommended by Glorys.

Last Saturday, after running some errands, during the oppressive heat of the afternoon, I asked my husband if he wanted to eat some ice cream to cool down. He didn't have to think much, he immediately responded that he was on board with the idea.

So before turning left to arrive home, we drove for 5 more minutes to get to our favorite ice cream shop: Polar Cub Ice Cream. They make old-school homemade ice cream. It's not a particularly fancy place; there are no decorations, no pretentious explanations or descriptions of new flavors or modes of preparations, they just serve fresh and delicious ice cream. They also make ice cream cakes, by request.

In Corona Virus pandemic times you don't need to ask for to go, and only accept cash.

Polar Cub Ice Cream

380 Route 22 West. Whitehouse. NJ 08888.

Phone (908) 534-4401.

Instagram and Facebook: Polar Cub Ice Cream



This recommendation was given by Fernanda.

Falling in love with the waterfalls

The end of Summer is just around the corner, but it is still time to enjoy this “literally” refreshable outdoor hiking.

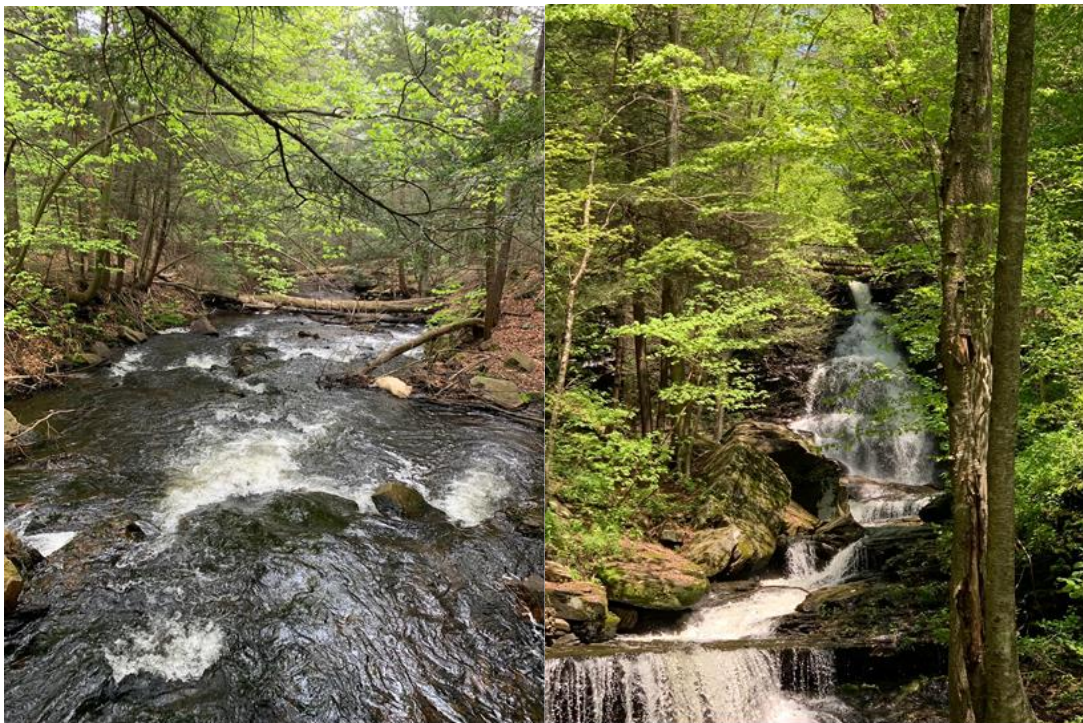
Ricketts Glen State Park offers a short (3.3miles) hike with none the less 17 waterfalls along its route. Even though it's a relatively short hike, it consists of one deep climb down and another high climb up. But the view worth every step (or should I say stair). During all the time while you are hiking, you have water rolling with you as a company, it's almost impossible to elect the most beautiful waterfall and you're going to try every one of them.

Departing from center New Jersey, you can reach the park by car with a 2hour and 40 minute trip. You can go and back on the same day (as I did last year, but it's a little bit tiring). I'd recommend spending at least one night at the park, the place is very beautiful and it has all the amenities for a short staying.

This is the Google Maps address:

<https://goo.gl/maps/2kqFS38yqtQJDuzD8>

Below are some pictures that I took there.





Maria offered this recommendation.

My husband and I dropped off an injured Cooper's hawk chick that we had found alone next to a tree. He was very small and clearly unable to fly. We called The Raptor Trust and they set up an appointment for us to drop the bird off. They offered detailed care instructions about how to care for and how to transport the little bird. We even have tracking numbers for him so we can always check in to see how he is doing. We named him "Cooper". He was very cute and sweet. We are so lucky to have The Raptor Trust in our community. It provides an incredible service to the community by taking in and caring for injured birds. It is a great place where you can see many different types of birds and is quite beautiful.

The Raptor Trust
Bird Rehabilitation and Education Center
<https://theraptortrust.org/>



This recommendation was given by Chan.

Wightman's Farms

I visited Wightman's Farms for the first time. Seeing all of the flowers and fruit trees—sunflowers, orchids, apple, cherry and peach trees, and blueberries—made me feel very happy. I took pictures of fruits and trees.

Wightman's is both a farm and a market. I saw notices in front that fruits are pick-your-own only on weekends, but the market is open 7 days a week. Everyone visiting the farm must wear masks.

Wightman's Farms

Address: 1111 Mt Kemble Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960

Phone: (973) 425-9819



This recommendation was given by Kim.

Grimaldi's Pizzeria

I love to recommend the great pizza restaurant, 'Grimaldi's Pizzeria. I know, this place is quite well known for brick oven pizza and it might be already familiar to many people but I would like to give some tips that will make your time there more enjoyable! This pizzeria are also located two more restaurants in N.Y.C. but my favorite is in Hoboken, NJ. It has a family-friendly atmosphere so when I visited there were having a small party. It also has a bar so you have lot of options for your beverage like beer, wines etc. You can order your pizza with your personal taste from the menu. And I would like to recommend that you must try 'Calzone', 'Garlic Bread' or 'Tiramisu'. Please try at least one among them:) You would feel as if you were somewhere in Italy. This place is only two blocks away from parks facing the City so that I usually go there late afternoon to see the view.

1. Have great dishes (before sunset). When you left the restaurant, the atmosphere around you would be totally changed because of beautiful sunset!
2. Go straight to the parks to enjoy the night sight of Manhattan view!
3. Go for a walk for your good digestion and enjoy the romantic mood! I think that is killing two birds with one stone.

Due to Covid-19, It's impossible to dine in the indoors, but you are able to dine outside setting table or take out the food.

Grimaldi's Pizzeria

Address: 411 Washington St., Hoboken, NJ 07030

Phone : (201) 792-0010



This was recommended by Soojung.

Pub 199

Hi everyone! My name is Soojung and I'm from South Korea. Do you like seafood? There's a restaurant named Pub 199 in Mt. Arlington. They have a full menu including Steaks, Burgers, Salads, but I strongly recommend that you have the Seafood.

My family first visited this restaurant 10 years ago and still go whenever we want to eat seafood. This isn't the place if you're expecting an elegant atmosphere. It's noisy with interesting decorations. But the price is very reasonable and the food is delicious. When a relative visits us from Korea, we go to the Pub. We usually get the King Crab and 2 dozen Clams are served with baked potato.

I really hope this pandemic is over soon, so we can go back to eat there. Lastly, this is something not to forget: this place only accepts CASH.

Pub 199

Address : 199 Howard Blvd, Mt Arlington, NJ 07856

Phone : (973) 398-7454



This was recommended by Minjung.

Grounds for Sculpture

Hi everyone! My name is Minjung. I live in Lebanon and am from South Korea. I want to share the place named Grounds for Sculpture. I'm sure you would love to visit with your family. This is an outdoor museum with lots of interesting sculptures and nice landscaping. Some of the sculptures are contemporary and abstract and some are very realistic. You will find photo spots everywhere. Even though the indoor exhibits are currently closed, you still can enjoy walking in the calming place.

Advanced ticket reservation is required and you will visit at the designated time. It's should be a great 1 day trip with your family. Don't forget to bring water bottles.

Grounds for Sculpture (groundsforsculpture.org)

Address : 80 Sculptures way, Hamilton Township, NJ 08619



We also received some other stories from students in our community:

This story below was written by Simone.



Hi, my name is Simone. I'm from Brazil.

My husband and I wanted to know a beach that we had never been in New Jersey and had just started the summer. I have a habit of taking some food when I go to the beach, so I prepared a tuna pie, snacks, bread, fruits, soda and Brazilian small savory snacks. We met a couple of friends there and they also took some food.

We enjoyed a lot of time eating the foods and talking. When my friend was sharing a piece of watermelon, that was the "last straw", the beach guard appeared and told that someone had complained about us because we are eating foods and he had to comment it with us. The guard asked really kindly for us not to eat.

We didn't know that it was not allowed to eat in this beach and we took a giant heavy cooler with wheels full of foods and drinks.

Next time, I'll remember to read the sign at the entrance of the beach and get more information before I go because each beach has a different rules!

Helen submitted the story below.



My original experience (or The first experience that comes to mind) is that I always answered every question with “Yes” or “ok” it didn’t matter the question, only God saved me. When I started to receive English class with my tutor that changed now I can answer correctly.

I’m also thankful with LVSC for giving me the opportunity to learn English. My first tutor was so special with me, I learned the basics and she give me confidence. My actual tutor help me a lot with pronunciation and proper English, now I feel that I can keep a conversation, she’s my coach and mentor, and I just want to reach my goals and make her proud.

Glorys also sent us the following story.

Dealing with a slight misunderstanding in your native tongue can be frequent, but it can be easily solved. Situations such as those are related to communication problems that can result from a lack of politeness or misinformation. Misunderstanding in a language that is different from your native one can lead to uniquely funny and messy situations – they can make you feel like you’re fighting for your survival. The following is one of my favorites stories of such kind while living outside my loving country of Venezuela.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, it is very common to ask for a “misto quente” for Sunday breakfast. A "misto quente" is a toasted ham and cheese sandwich. It is something that sounds easy, basic and delicious. “Misto” implies both the ham and the cheese without the need to mention both of them. “Quente” means that the sandwich is toasted.

When you have a child that is hungry, hates cheese, but you only know how to say queijo (cheese), and the “misto quente” is the only dish that you can almost recognize in the menu, you have to be creative and try to do whatever you can to get what you want. So I took a deep breath, put a big smile on my face, tried to look at my waitress in the eye, as if asking for mercy, and said "eu quero um misto quente - sem queijo - por gentileza" (I want a ham and cheese sandwich without the cheese).

The waitress locked her eyes back at me with a confused stare and repeated, incredulously, back at me “misto quente, sem queijo” (ham and cheese without cheese)?

Sim, sim. Isso mesmo (Yes that’s it, I said, trying to look and sound confident) and she replies after thinking twice:

Ou seja, so presunto? (So, only ham?)

My eyes opened, my face smiled, and I said triumphantly: Sim, eu quero um sanduíche com presunto quente. (Yes, I want a toasted ham sandwich.)

PS: As you can probably imagine, this memory took place some years ago (about 15 years or so). A time when smartphones were merely cellphones and you could only rely on your wit to communicate in an unknown foreign language.

LVSC students: The next issue of *Connections* will come out in December. We are looking for submissions about how you celebrate the holidays. It could be a recipe, a craft, a tradition from your country, or a new tradition that you have learned here.

Any other stories you would like to tell us are always welcome.

If you would like to join the Student Outreach Committee or contribute a brief write-up to the next newsletter, please email Sunny Lee at younseonlee@gmail.com.