



# English as a Second Language

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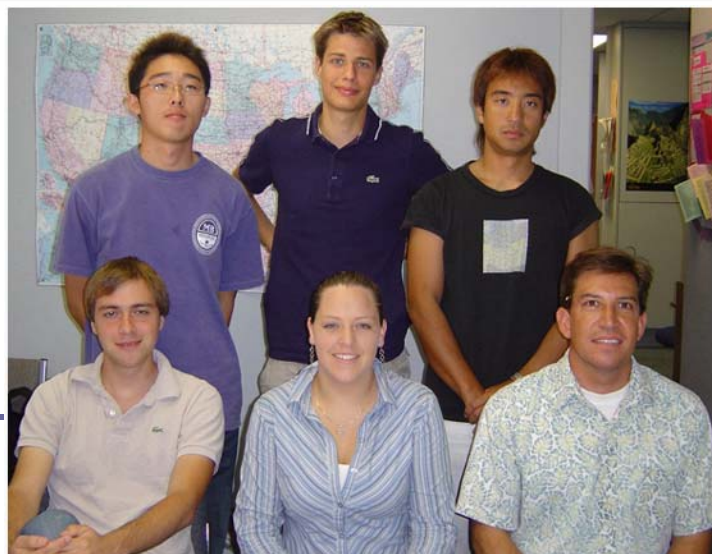
## Newsletter

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### Visiting the USA

By Stefano Cappon ITALY

I am Stefano Cappon. I come from Italy. I spent 1 month in San Luis Obispo for a fantastic experience in this wonderful part of California! I like to cook food, and in particular the Italian food, which is the best in the world! I love sports and I like to play soccer, but also swim and walk in the mountains. I love to travel and in this month I had the opportunity to see many incredible places: San Francisco, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Yosemite and.....San Luis Obispo! This experience has been magic so in the future I want to come back and finish seeing places with friendly people!!!!



### CCLA Talk

#### Why do you like San Luis Obispo?

"I so-so like it. It's too slow and quiet."

Oat Chawanratanasakul THAILAND

"Many beautiful university and college girls!"

Efrain Wong PERU

"It's quiet with a lot of nature."

Lydia Company PERU

"Great weather and beautiful beaches."

Elmira Afshari IRAN

"It has prosperity."

Sue Kim SOUTH KOREA

"Nice people, great weather, and CCLA."

Miguel Garcia SPAIN

"It's not too big, or too small. It's just right."

Franz Ulrich SWITZERLAND

### Taiwan

By Liz Chang  
TAIWAN

Taiwan is an island. The weather is cold and wet in winter, but hot and humid in summer. Sometimes typhoons and earthquakes happen. One notorious earthquake devastated Taiwan on Sept 21, 1999. The night market is famous. And we like to eat out there because the food is cheap and delicious.

### Kochi

By Taku Fukui JAPAN

Kochi is the countryside in Japan. It has many mountains, forests, and rivers. Kochi's sea is also a famous place for surfing. Kochi-Jo castle is beautiful but famous, and many cultural artifacts are displayed there. Katsurahama Beach is facing the Pacific Ocean. Sunday Farmer's Market has 650 small stalls selling vegetables, antiques, and plants stretching for over a kilometer along both sides of the road. Sakamoto Ryoma Memorial Museum is also an interesting place. Shimanto River is very beautiful river. It is last great virgin river in Japan. Kochi is a wonderful place so please come visit Kochi.

### Yosemite Park

By Christoph Sax SWITZERLAND

Yosemite National park is located in the Sierra Nevada. It is one of the most popular tourist attractions in California. Entry now

costs \$10 per person or \$20 per vehicle for a 7-day visit. Yosemite exemplifies National parks. It has a thousand-foot waterfall that is framed by monumental granite spires. But in September it doesn't have much water. It's almost dry. The best time to visit is spring because the waterfalls have more water. Mariposa Grove, near Wawona at the South to Yosemite, has many giants Sequoia trees. These are 100-meter tall trees with trunks up to 10 meters. It also has beautiful alpine meadows and panoramic vistas of the valley and the surrounding mountain peaks. Tioga Pass and most of the high country roads are normally closed from November until the end of May. Yosemite Park, preserved in 1864, was the first natural area in the United States.

Photo by Christoph Sax



### Volleyball

By Christina Bejarano COLOMBIA

A long time ago, when I was a child I began to play volleyball. I trained everyday, 3 hours a day. I was very important on the team. I played in number 6. One day I hurt my knee and I had to stop playing for 2 years. Later, I began to play again and I became the best on the team. Then later again, I had big problems in both knees. So far, I have had a total of 6 surgeries. Now I never play volleyball or any other sport.



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