

Food and feelings

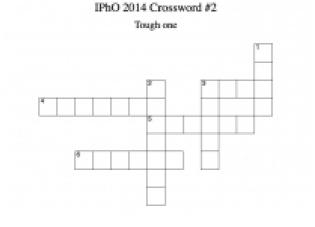
I am hungry - Men ashpyn I am glad - Men kuanyshtymyn Where is food? - Tamaq qaida? Bread - Nan Tea - Shai Juice - Shyryn Sweet! - Tatti! Milk - Sut This is great! - Mynau tamasha! Give me some tea - Shai kuiyp ber!

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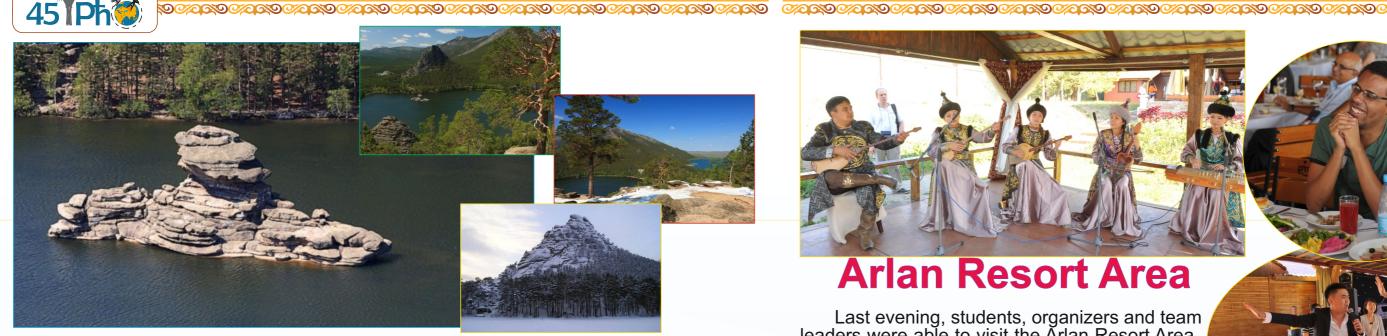


Waking up rather early, we continued our sleep in the bus and found ourselves in a resort town of Burabay, also known as Borovoe. Khan, a 115 kg dog of ancient nomadic breed, and hunting eagles were first to meet us on the lakeside. 18th century style Kazakh village was set up near the hotel to demonstrate traditional wedding and baby's first walk ceremonies. Students from Suriname, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Vietnam, Serbia, and Syria served as important guests in the wedding ceremony and wished happiness and prosperity to the newlyweds. Old women were excited to have IPhO participants initiate a child into his first walk. They believe that the child will be as successful as the person who initiated him into the first walk of his life.

Breakfast was served with lots of international live music, which inspired us to dance and merry outside the hotel. Especially interesting were Kara Zhorga dance style and crowd shouts, such as "Kazakhstan!" and "IPhO". Girls in traditional dresses were very happy to meet IPhO participants and they were especially happy to find out that these "smartest people" are as fun-loving and friendly as they are. Tomi from Finland found the trip to be "a very good dose of entertainment following the tough exams" and Cyril from France found the trip to be "very good and completely unexpected". Unexpectedness is actually what distinguishes Burabay from the rest of the area, because it is a unique mountainous region with deep forests and lakes in the middle of the Steppe, It serves as an oasis of the sort.

After eating again and relaxing in the lobby, students got on the bus and reluctantly left the place. Vista and air were too good to leave too soon. Yet, some hoped, they would some time, for some reason, somehow be back again.





Beautiful and rich Akmola region, an ancient land of an ancient people. Like a fairy eagle, that has widely spread its wings for the flight, it stretches itself in the north of the republic. Fruitful soils, numerous rivers and lakes, vast pastures, rich metal deposits, generous gifts of the woods, abundance of game-animals and fish have attracted people here from times immemorial. Lakes, rivers, and streams make the region unique. Borovoe, Schuchie, Big and Small Chebachie, Zerenda and hundreds of other like huge pearls decorating the region's necklace. The summer makes much pleasure to holidaymakers. But quiet wistful autumn is fine as well. Gold birch groves and vermillion aspen trees change for evergreen pine woods and spruce groves. The scent of senes cent grass mixes with mushroom spice. About one hundred mushroom species grow in Borovoye. Mushrooming is very exciting and useful for good mood. There exists some mysterious, attracting power in granite sculptures created by the Mother Nature itself. Having stepped aside just a little bit and giving way to your imagination, you will see the stones «coming into life». Borovoye has no material culture monuments. But the combination of magnificent mountains, blue lakes, pine woods and larch forests created unique beautiful landscapes of nature. The waves of an ancient vast sea beat the shore of the lake a long time ago. At the end of drift epoch the sea was swept away, and the landscape assumed modern mountainous shape. The sun, the wind and rains formed cavities, caves, and holes in the rocks, making them fantastically shaped and scenic.

ASTANA IS A FANTASTIC CITY - IPHO PRESIDENT



Kazakhstan is should be proud of Astana and the fact that it is such a fantastic city, believes President of IPhO Dr. Hans Jordens.

"I would like to note good organization of the Olympiad in Astana. Reception, logistics, and venue - everything goes as planned. The program is guite eventful thanks to the hosting party," Dr. Jordens told Kazinform correspondent.

In his words, Astana is the reflection of Kazakhstan's success. "This is my second visit to Astana. I've already been here in April to meet organizers. I really liked the city. I believe that people of Kazakhstan should be proud of Astana and the fact that it is such a fantastic city. Your capital is mesmerizing. It has beautiful architecture and, most importantly, friendly people," he noted.

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Arlan Resort Area

Last evening, students, organizers and team leaders were able to visit the Arlan Resort Area. Tasting food from "dastarkhan" and listening to music, everyone expeirenced Kazakh hospitality. Ethnic dance groups lit up the evening with their enthusiasm and joy. Mrs. Kirabayeva, Daryn Gifted Student Center CEO, introduced Kazakh national drink called "kumys" and noted its therapeutic effects. Following her speech, many started tasting national food samples.

Traditional dance performances demonstrated were followed by singer Madivar Zhunissov's performance, who concentrated on a modern repertoire. This all fit perfectly with the nomadic setting of the event. IPhO members got to know some of the basic elements of nomadic lifestyle, especially the tools and equipments related to horse riding. Mr Boranbay, deputy CEO of Daryn, finished the evening with his own



dombyra performance. This was surely a sign of huge respect, as hosts have to share their talents with their guests according to Kazakh traditions.

