



# Newsletter

Special supplement

## US-Sicily 2015 Summer Camp Organized by TESOL Italy

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The project was sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Italy and organized by TESOL Italy. It consisted in a one-week Teacher Training Course for 15 teachers from different cities in Sicily held by three highly qualified Teacher Trainers from the U.S.A and Italy, and a one-week Summer Camp for 15 students just out of middle school.

The project aimed at enhancing teachers' language skills and reinforcing resources for a permanent educational community in Sicily through English.



From 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2015, a 40-hour training course in English was held for 15 teachers from different cities in Sicily by three qualified Teacher Trainers specialized in the fields of applied linguistics, multicultural understanding, language teaching methodology and language education.

From 20<sup>th</sup>-to 26<sup>th</sup> July an intensive English Summer Camp for 15 pre-high school students was held by three of the teachers attending the teacher training course the first week. Recreational activities in English were also organized by three qualified Camp Staff.



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*There are no words to describe this awesome and incredible experience.*

*As our first summer job we have to admit we really enjoyed it: being part of the Summer Camp Staff was a unique opportunity for all of us...Every day was unrepeatable: new games, new topics and new experiences have involved our teenagers who, undoubtedly, enjoyed themselves! Due to this, every*



*morning when we collected the students, they were excited to start another great day and when they came back home, in the afternoon, they were really tired, but also extremely happy!*

*The location where the Summer Camp was held was cozy and rich in green areas where the kids could spend their time and, in the meanwhile, learn something useful about their English. Actually, English is a very important language that everyone should speak and all the youngs who took part in the Summer Camp were truly lucky!*

*The Summer Camp has been useful both for the boys/ girls, who interacted with people they hadn't met before and improved their English by playing many fun games, and for us, improving our English and, at the same time, establishing relationships with many people who gave a real contribution to the Summer Camp, not to mention the fact that we spent over a week in a breathtaking location surrounded by a unique landscape and learnt new words and expressions not commonly used!*



*Last but not least, our teenagers particularly*



*enjoyed an amazing and adventurous weekend in Ortigia, a coastal city near Siracusa.*

*They truly fell in love with this little piece of heaven: firstly because it is full of artistic monuments such as the Cathedral of Ortigia, also known as the Duomo di Siracusa, as well as the painting of Caravaggio "Il Seppellimento di Santa Lucia"; secondly, they profoundly loved the amazing, awe-inspiring landscape of the coast.*

*In conclusion, on the one hand, they experienced the cultural and historical background of the city, consequently acquiring some more detailed information about it, on the other, they enjoyed themselves, playing together, singing and promising each other to keep in touch from that moment and on!*

*We are thankful for all the gorgeous moments we spent together during the Summer Camp, we are truly honoured and grateful to the US Embassy and TESOL Italy, hoping that these initiatives can be repeated in time, and we are 100% sure that we'll repeat the experience again!*

*Thanks again,*

*Mariagrazia Coco, Luca Ricca, Alessandra Privitera, Christian Giovanni Caruso*

*The Summer Camp Staff*

'Team is Like a Beam  
to Enhance Your  
Esteem'

'To Be On Time Is  
to Be Before Time'

**LEARNING, SHARING AND DOING  
IN A COMMUNITY OF LEARNING.**

Limerick 2

*There is a nice group of young students,  
Who study and play and make movements.  
Smoking Etna is there,  
And we really care,  
For the great TESOL Summer Camp students.*

Carroll Mortera



Limerick 1

*Three girls off to Sicily go,  
For TESOL it works like a blow,  
The interviews done,  
And all was great fun,  
The three ladies return with a glow.*

Carroll Mortera





Dear Lina,

I just wanted to say **hello to you and to thank you for the wonderful week spent at US summer Camp!!**

I really enjoyed the **time spent together and all the activities we did during the whole week!**

I had the **chance to learn a lot of things and to meet extraordinary people like you, Lucilla, Melanie and Shondel and all my Sicilian colleagues!**

Enjoy the **rest of summer! I hope to meet you again in Rome!**

Arrivederci

Elisa

Dear Lina,  
 how are you?  
 I want to thank you and all staff (TESOL, EMBASSY, etc.) again for your kindness and for what you have done for me during my stay in Summer camp. It was very kind of you to make me feel at home. I thank you for the beautiful dinner in Acitrezza and walk in Taormina. I appreciated very much. I find all the materials useful for my future professional development. I learned so much from all of you. I wish to improve my English more and more, I'd like to have information about your courses, dates, fees, etc. Looking forward to seeing you soon and thanking you again, I remain,  
 Yours sincerely,  
 Vincenza Carella



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Based on an idea of Lina Vellucci