

# Tolerance Academy 2011 Report

LATE received a proposal from the USA Embassy to organize summer Tolerance Academy for 13-14 years old students from all three Baltic states in a very nice place near Salacgriva called Rakari.

Teachers could apply for participating together with 4 students. There were three teachers and their students chosen from Latvia – Vita Caice from Riga, Olga Gazetdinova from Daugavpils and Gaida Haritone from Zvejniekciems, Estonia was represented by Merle Udso from Parnu and Elmyra Jurksaitiene from Lithuania.

The teachers came together in Riga in July at LATE library and together with Silvija Andernovics worked out the program for 5 days discussing what we would like to talk about to help our students understand what tolerance means. The US Embassy and LATE library supported us with useful books and it worked out very well.

The representative from the embassy was Marta Sarma, who was very helpful and supportive and took care about us all 5 days, organizing meetings with interesting people every day. We discussed tolerance issues with the US Ambassador Judit Garbner and George Steel, had a workshop with Inese Voika about leadership.

There were 3 assistants – Ilze, Jefim and Ruta, who kept children busy in the afternoon. And there was an interesting bedtime story every night and a morning exercise to start day with.

As this camp will stay in our memories like a colorful rainbow let's hope it will happen next year again with cooperation of the US Embassy, LATE, LAKMA, EATE and, of course, creative teachers and students from all three Baltic states.

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