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Worldschooling Newsletter

Worldschooler's worst fear

One of the biggest fears that I have as a single mom traveling is that something happens to me. What will then happen to my kids in a strange country? Unfortunately Colette has experienced this recently and in today's newsletter she shares her story.

Every Worldshooler has a story to tell

Every traveling family has a unique background, experience or knowledge, that they can share with other to expand and inspire.

In our newsletter we offer a platform to all the different stories that are out there.

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Colette Moine, about having an accident while Worldschoooling

Hi Colette, could you tell us about yourself?

I'm Colette, a single mum that was planning to travel around the world right when the pandemic started. We had to adapt and change plans. We used to live in The Galapagos Islands, but during the pandemic I ended up moving away since we could not travel anymore and even less work, so we moved to France with my 2 boys. After almost 3 years in France we have decided to move on and keep wandering around the World.

You had an accident, tell us what happened!

I was skiing and someone suddenly stopped right in the middle of a very narrow passage so I had no time to get around him and his ski pole went right into my cheek lifting a lot of skin up and making it quite difficult to stitch back together. It was a pretty bad crash and I'm lucky that I have nothing else broken or concussion but I will have a nasty scar for the rest of my life. PS: did not need my insurance to cover as with my French public health system it was all free of charge being in Europe! That's amazing!



Where did this happen?

We were part of [Worldschooling Bansko Bulgaria](#), which meant that a group of families were living together yet in their own apartments and doing all kind of things together. As a single mum, this meant not only that my kiddos got to hang out with friends but also the mamas have immediately connected and we all helped each other out with everything and anything.

How did you experience being in a hub after the accident?

I could not imagine my accident in, otherwise alone conditions. Everyone was there to help and support on whatever was needed. One lent her car, another drove it to the hospital, others kept my kids entertained and well fed, another one helped and clean up my apartment and make my bed comfy for when I got back. And I even had two choices of soup awaiting me with obviously lots of hugs and care.



What's your takeaway from the whole adventure?

I am beyond grateful and blessed to be living in a community. For the ones that are afraid of traveling because of the possible accidents that will happen, then that's one more reason for you to join a hub, because there's a big Worldschoooling community out there and we are a big family. I'm so ever grateful for this community and for all the lovely messages and healing vibes. Thank you thank you thank you.

Also see Colette's experiences in Bansko here: <https://youtu.be/tEgIRppPANU>

What is **your** story? Share it with the Worldscool world.

Next season: Bansko and Netherlands

When we walk in with skis, in an automatic movement put the boots under the heater, put the skis in the corner and the helmets and gloves on top of the cabinet, all of a sudden it hits me how privileged we are with our lives!

No, I am not a winter person. I hate cold! I love sunshine on my skin. And we will visit the sun, the beaches, the heat again, in a few weeks from now.

But being here for weeks on end, a full season in our case, it is such a blessing. A life that we never knew before we came to Bansko has become so automated. It is so normal for my kids to go up in the gondola, to jump into a ski lift, to fly down the slopes, to do jumps, and to have a hot chocolate after. Then in the afternoon do all the activities, classes, games, adventure, that

we have prepared, have the community around them. In the evening dive into a hot spring, have a movie night with their friends, while I enjoy a hot wine with the parents.

No, this is not a normal lifestyle. This is not a lifestyle that many people get to live. But I feel so, so fortunate that we are able to live this. And not only live it ourselves, but give this to so many likeminded families.

And we will continue to live this next year. As we send out our survey, we found out there is a lot of interest to join us, so I made the decision to run it again. We will make some adjustments to the program because we want to keep it inclusive for different budgets, more about this in the upcoming weeks, but the basis will remain the same: A full day community, with activities to enjoy and bring us closer together.

For the Netherlands we are not certain yet. As we have a lot of people interested in joining, but at the same time people do not seem aware of the countries specifics as well of our program: Learning about the Dutch country and culture through excursions, workshops, city trips, traditional celebrations etc etc. We will create a program for the new season soon, similar to last years with a few adjustments, and then see if people are interested in our offer. We would be very happy to host it if there is interest, because our last years experience was amazing, every single person participating loved it and the connections build were strong.

So: We will come up with programs for both Bansko and Netherlands soon. We have already started on working on it. If you have not completed our survey yet, please do, because it will not only count your opinion, it will also grant you a discount up to 12,5% on the programs.

[Go to survey](#)

This week in Worldschoooling Bansko

The last group of this year's Worldshooling Bansko hub started off this week: lots of new families arrived, and we have a few who stayed over from last month. Already the first week has been filled with exciting activities and memorable experiences.

The week started with families settling in and getting to know each other as they explored the building and met the facilitators. After the group photo and opening, the families split into age-groups and bonded over various connecting activities. The day ended with a family dinner at a Bulgarian restaurant.

Tuesday brought the first ski lessons, and for those who don't ski, swimming was on the agenda. We spent a fun, albeit very wet afternoon making a bonfire in the beautiful forest, roasting marshmallows and sausages. Dungeons and Dragons enthusiasts engaged in a thrilling role-play session, while parents and teens enjoyed a game night featuring Catan.

Mid-week, after a morning of ski lessons, we had a busy afternoon with lots of activities: the kids made hamburgers, while the teens receive leadership coaching. After an outside game and some arts it was time for a Bulgarian lesson for all, where the parents could ask about anything relating to the culture from our local expert Elena, while the kids had fun making scary kukeri masks.

Volunteering at Bansko Street Dogs, rope park adventures, and more ski classes kept everyone active and engaged on Thursday. The evening was perfect for a cozy movie night and a round of Dungeons and Dragons for teens, while the parents enjoyed a separate moms and dads night out.

The week ended with a very busy day indeed: another round of ski classes and an afternoon with lots of activities for all ages: puppet show and face painting for the little kids, secret club, envelope project and science for the bigger ones. The day ended with a presentation, where the kids presented their newspapers about the experiences of the week, followed by board games, a gaming club, and a teen hangout. Parents wrapped up the week with a cozy hot wine and chat session, reflecting on the week's adventures and forming lasting connections.



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