



Jeremiah Bickford
Senior Profile
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Jeremiah Bickford attended Waldorf schools as a child. For high school, he gave homeschooling a try before he came to LEAF. "I hated homeschooling." Jeremiah came for a tour and then he spent a day shadowing a student. He thought, "I might as well give it a try," so he enrolled at LEAF at the end of his sophomore year.

Two teachers have made an impact on Jeremiah: humanities teacher, Chris Becker and Community Connections Coordinator, Judy Hoffman. "Chris is a great teacher. He kept pushing me to get my work done on time. He makes the lessons in his class exciting and something you want to be a part of. He involves the students and the classes are very interactive. I really like world history, especially Greek mythology"

Community Connections Coordinator, Judy Hoffman "helped me figure out what I want to do after school. She sat down with me and tried to find resources." Next year, Jeremiah will be enrolling in an apprenticeship program to become an electrician.

One of Jeremiah's favorite classes at LEAF was a woodworking class with teacher Chris Hanson. He made a bench that is still in use at LEAF today! He also made a tic-tac-toe board and a stool. Another class that was a favorite was the Nature Walk class with teacher Elizabeth Zimmer. "It was nice to be able to be outside and breathe and talk about anything you want. Elizabeth is a really nice person."

Some of Jeremiah's favorite memories of his time at LEAF include the trip to Quebec. He enjoyed seeing the promenade and the waterfall. He also enjoyed playing ultimate frisbee at lunch with his friends.

During his high school career, Jeremiah also played ice hockey on a local high school team. Next year he will be transitioning to playing in a men's league. When asked about playing with a wider age group, he said, "Some of those 85 year olds are tough. They are fast and they have beaten me."

Jeremiah has a lot of appreciation for LEAF. "It is a lot smaller than some other schools, but is very diverse. It is a nice environment, very easy to adapt to and welcoming."

His parting advice to future LEAF students is, "Do your work on time and don't get behind. It is a lot harder to get caught up than to stay up to date."