

Dille Gård the National resource programme

About a mile from Östersund, Jämtland, in Sweden is the school Dille Gård sited. At the school and its surroundings the students learn horseback riding, fishing, driving with sledge dogs, business enterprise and the overall knowledge how to run their own business. Even though there are some bickers in the residents, since it's a boarding-school, the overall spirit is peaceful and friendly.

Dille gård is a school sited in the middle of Sweden about one mile from the city Östersund. Students from all over Sweden, and also other countries, come to Dille to study at the national resource programme. Dille Gård is a boarding-school where most of the students live, and since most of the students are from far away when they start at the school, priority of the rooms is given to the first year students. And of course the school helps those students who don't get room in the school houses to find somewhere to live.

Dille Gård has a programme called the "feel good concept" included in the rent paid every month; all students who live at the school have the rights to eat breakfast, lunch and supper every Monday to Thursday and every Friday there's breakfast and lunch served at the school. In the weekends the students have to serve themselves with food.

The food served is made at the school kitchen and served immediately with a buffet of salad along with some bread.

The school is sited with fields and forests surrounding it and the placement of the buildings create a homey feeling, like having school at a farm, not a school with the typical school environment. In the afternoons, the recreation leaders have activities a couple of days a week, for the student living at school, like common supper two days a week, something fun at Wednesdays and last shopping round so the students may buy food for the weekend.

At Dille, the students focusing on Icelandic horses learn different things: how to take care of the horses, horseback riding on Icelandic horses, the rules of competing, training horses and everything that comes with it. Now this fall, Dille is advancing by opening yet another interest to study, classical horseback riding.

Additionally, horses are not the only thing the students might learn about, the second main interest is one more linked to nature and tourism focusing on dogs, hunting, fishing and guiding in many different forms of nature and activities. The students focusing on this learn different kind of fishing, hunting and how to handle a weapon correctly, open-air life and much more.

The life at Dille passes by filled with social interaction combined with study. The students living at the school ground learn how to live many people together in common areas. To some, it is really hard and on the other hand, some find it easier to get along with others.

The one big thing to be called a problem at the school is the feeling of being isolated to the rest of the world. For instance, just taking the bus is not the easiest thing when the number of buses passing Dille is limited.

Finally, with so many different people from so many places in this small area as it is, there's no wonder that there is some bickering tumble around the school ground. But the overall tone between students, teachers and visitors is although bright.