**My native land!**

Belgorod oblast is the most beautiful place in contemporary Russia. People from all nooks of our country and even the countries of near foreign coming for permanent residence. The secret of such increased interest of the population is simple. There are a lot of attractions, amazing places, many of the beauties of nature as well as a huge number of places to work and self-realization in the Belgorod region.

In my essay, I would like to pay attention to my native krai – Stary Oskol, which in my opinion one of the most beautiful places of the Belgorod region. Let me start with the fact that the Stary Oskol region is very developed spiritually. There is a temple or a small church in every village, built-up area or even hamlet remain. There are very beautiful temples in the village of Rogovatoe, Gorodische, Neznamovo. I also want to note that in the village of Rogovatoe still honor traditions, many of which are rooted in the distant past. One of the most interesting is to cook "Katanka". The millet is added sugar, spray with milk and egg, sprinkled with flour and then the patchwork is rolled. A cooked meal is served for lunch with meat. Speaking of springs, there are a lot of them in Starooskolsky Krai. One of the biggest is the Potudan`s spring. From it begins the river Potudan, which is a tributary of the Don river. The Spring has the status of a hydrological reserve. In the summer it is very beautiful, crystal clear water, big river, green fields and of course places of untouched nature. Also near from Stary Oskol there is a hamlet remain, Ilyin with a huge arboretum. It covers an area of 3 Hectares. It grows about 100 species of trees and shrubs. The freshness of the air in this Park can`t be describe with words. Nearby is the Starooskolsky zoo, one of the largest zoos in the whole Chernozem region. More than 100 species of animals and birds are always welcome at any time of the year. I note that in my region there are a large number of talented people such as musicians, writers, poets, artists. Not far from my house there is a house - Museum of the outstanding Russian symbolist writer, poet, musician, teacher and public figure Vasily Yakovlevich Eroshenko (1890-1952). In early childhood, he lost his eyesight, but this did not prevent him from showing his talents. The name of Vasily Eroshenko is known throughout Russia and the world. As for the extreme people, they will be able to have fun in the village of Kotovo. Here is the Starooskolsky flight and technical club "Sokol". It has existed for more than a quarter of a century. The club uses superlight aviation engine is an ultra-light aircraft, micro airplanes. It is possible to see your city and the surrounding areas from a great height. It is a fascinating sight. One of my favorite places is the tract "Obukhovskaya dacha". In this place there is a beautiful clean, quiet, untouched forest in which oak-survivor grows. Its age is about 400 years old, height more than 25 meters, the coverage of the barrel more than 4 meters. In this place you can forget all the problems. There you can walk, look at this tree which standing here for centuries, and you realize that your worries are somewhere far away, and now it's time to relax and just carefree walk and get some fresh air.

My native land is my favorite Starooskolsky Krai with its unique architecture, beautiful nature and good, caring people. In my Krai you will find something interesting and surprising wherever you go, whichever you direction choose.