

How to bring up the ability of geo-guide

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¹Promotional meeting for Happo-Shirakami Geopark

1, Introduction

One of the most important things of managing the geo-park is the ability of geo-guide. In our Promotional Meeting for Happo Shirakami Geopark, we have been operating the activities of the geo-guide.

I would like to introduce our active methods and practical geo-guide.

2, Beginning

Hachimori town was one of the typical depopulation town before the annexation of towns and we had been searching the way of promote the economical activities. In that period, Seisyu-wood land load has been proposed that was to construct the wood land load border of Aomori and Akita prefecture.

The wood land load was started at Hachimori town. The load was named Seisyu Wood land load.

We were afraid that this load would destroy 130,000ha virgin forest of beech trees. Some conservation of nature began the movement to prevent this load construction. After that the load construction was stopped. But this Low was afraid to be canceled someday, thereby the idea of registering Shirakami Sanchi was planned and, in 1993 this new idea was realized. That is way to be registered Shirakami Sanchi as the world Heritage.

Hachimori town was nominated as the model area of the Environmental Education. Further more some new activities were started such as To live together with Forest. Promotional Interchange Activities in Shirakami Nature Watching.

To realize these activities, many talented nature guides are necessary.

3, Establishment Happo-Shirakami Guide Association

(1) To open Guide Training Course

To carry out the following guide training seminar, the participants are required to have taken lectures of Nature Conservation Soc. of Japan

(2) The contents of lecture

To learn about the nature phenomenon in Shirakami Sanchi, the participants are required to learn about wild plants in Hachimori area.

Those lectures are held 5 times a year, and required to take lectures and to visit the other local spot to learn the guide methods in those areas.

(3) The activities contents

The participants are required to learn about plants, animals, germs in Shirakami Sanchi area, and the next steps, they have to learn about geographical features, varieties of rocks and geological structures. In addition they must training first aid.

4, The outcomes

In Happo-Shirakami Geopark area, there are 5 geo-model courses as follow.

a: related Hachimori sand fish with Shirakami mountain course.

b: People lived in sand blowing course.

c: Feeling by observing many terrace land forms course.

d: Interesting process to grow up Mt. Futatsumori course.

e: Protected forest Tomeyama course.

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