

The Experience Learning Program of Sakurajima Geopark

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Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geopark offers various kinds of experience learning programs. In 2013, we welcomed around 5000 students as a school trip. Digging hot spring, volcanic ash clay activity, and creating pizza and its kiln are the popular programs.

These are not just "simple activity" but we give them a twist as to "learn" about the volcano. In digging hot spring program, we explain about the lavas of three different eras and the difference of the vegetation on the lavas. After the explanation, the students experience the hot spring comes out from the sand near the sea shore. Within digging the sand 5cm in deep, the hot spring appears every places in the area, however the color and the temperatures are different depends on the points. We make the students to find the hottest hot spring and give a present to the champion team who found the hottest one. The reason why this program is popular is that it has the contents of both "finding" and "competing". However, there is a difficulty that it cannot be offered in the rain. We tend to go around the Sakurajima by bus and give the tour guide, however students get the bored with when they have plain explanation. Therefore, we are now developing the "escaping game" program that can be offered on the rainy day.

"Escaping game" is an experience-based event that participants gathering one room corporate with each other to escape from the room by figuring out the puzzle with using the clues. This is not only experience-based game but introduce the learning contents about Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geopark so that it will respond the needs of school trip.

We also develop the program named "rogaining" which is the field sports similar to orienteering. The rogaining is the game that group of 2 to 5 people go around the check points written on the map within a time limit and compete the total score. It has the contents similar to treasure hunting, so that the participants can go to the places where they rarely can visit and the minor regional resources.

Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geopark, offers the school trip program with learning and enjoyable contents to make them fulfilling activity programs. Please visit Sakurajima to learn and enjoy them.

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