

New Style Geotourism at Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geopark

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Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geopark offers various kinds of experience learning programs. 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".

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.