

The 1st Nanki Kumano Geopark Children's School in Kushimoto

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We built the school students event to make them get interest about Geopark, so that we held the excursion and experiment at the event. We took students to the experiential learning tour on the seashore. They experienced some activities in the nature such as catching seafood and touching the rock. We also conducted a geoscience experiment at the lab, we presented it using the Namayatsunashi(Japanese sweet) and cocoa powder.

[Positive Opinions] · Local students could have unusual experiences. · Students learned about geography and geology of their land. · Students had the opportunities to communicate with local people. · Some students used this activity for their summer research assignments.

[Negative Opinions] · Tight schedule · Need more time for the presentation. · didn't give each student a role during the presentation · This event was made for junior high school students, but many of participants are from elementary school. · needed to be more prepare for staffs.

[For the next event] · It is important for the local communities to continue the event for approaching the local attractions.