

## The nature experience program created by Geopark and National Youth Outdoor Learning Center

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The program called “*Children’s Environment Exploration Corps*” gets to experience nature and aims to promote environmental education. Currently, under the cooperation Mt. Kurikoma Area Geopark and Sanriku Geopark, we are developing content that aims at various ways of enjoying nature and their understanding. In this report, we will introduce the contents and outcomes of 4 activities held since 2017.

In the Sanriku edition, we learned the features and difference of nature and culture of the sea and the land through on-site inspection and experience activities.

In the Mt. Kurikoma Area edition, we learned about various nature and culture spreading on the Mt. Kurikoma Area Geopark through various experience activities.

With the involvement of geoparks, we were able to incorporate new perspectives such as knowledge of nature science and connection with nature and life in activity. Also, children who participated in this program learned new perspectives on nature and how to enjoy them, leading to deepening their interest in nature.

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