

ROBIN HOOD CAMP

July 29th to July 30th 2010 in Minakami, Gunma



Wow, what a fun camp it was! All the participants met up at Tokyo station and luckily, nobody was late. Everybody seemed to be very excited about the camp and most kids had huge backpacks! When asking "Where are you going?", the kids replied "To the camp in Gunma!". Really? Some kids seemed to be prepared to go on a one week trip overseas, judging from the size of their backpacks!

今年も Robin Hood 英語キャンプに行ってきました！東京駅で Leigh 先生、Julia 先生と会い、幸い遅刻する生徒さんもなく定刻通り、新幹線に乗り込みました。みんな海外に1週間旅行に行くの？と思わせるほど大きなリュックでキャンプに行くのを楽しみにしているようでした。

After we got on the Shinkansen to Takasaki, the kids wanted to play games and eat snacks instantly. Sentences like "Let's share our snacks! What do you have?" could be heard all over our compartment.



新幹線に乗り込むやいやな、スナック&ゲームタイム！「みんなで分けよう！何持ってきた？」など、ちゃんと英語で会話していました。



Once we arrived at our campsite in Minakami and had a quick lunch, it was time to put on our swimming wear and prepare ourselves for rafting. Putting on our wetsuits was quite a challenge but it was fun, too. Many kids said "It's soooo hot" and to refresh ourselves and to prepare for the cold river, everyone took a quick cold shower and got on the van to take us to the river.

After our security briefing, we got on our raft and started practicing important commands, such as "Get down", "Right forward" and practiced the proper way to hold our paddles too! Then, the excitement began and we went down the river, taking turns and going down a few little waterfalls too. We all had a blast getting splashed with water and jumping off the raft!

水上のキャンプ場に着くと、まずは腹ごしらえ。持ってきたランチを食べました。それから初日のアクティビティ、ラフティングの準備で水着&ウェットスーツを着て川の冷たさに慣れる為シャワーを頭から浴びました。バンに乗って川へ向かい、安全ルール説明の後に、パドルの正しい持ち方や、"Get Down", "Right forward"など指示された言葉でパドルを漕ぐ練習をしました。それから、いよいよボートに乗船！上流から小さな滝や水しぶきにも負けずみんなで力を合わせて下流へくだることができました。



After rafting, everybody got cleaned up and we took a short mountain walk, followed by our dinner: a yummy barbecue with lots of sausages, yakisoba and steaks! Everybody was very tired when they prepared their tents for sleeping, but chatter could be heard until late at night.

初日の夕食は、豪華 BBQ！ソーセージに焼きそば、ステーキなどをたくさん頬張りました。洗面歯磨きを済ませ、宿泊はネイティブアメリカンのイメージのティピテント！4～6人のグループに分かれ少しお話をしてから就寝しました。

The next day, everybody shared a nutritious breakfast of bagels, jam, butter, salad, juice and a banana and then got ready for our next adventure: canyoning. After putting on our wetsuits, we started hiking up the mountain where we would be doing canyoning. It was quite a tough hike and we all felt super hot! But once we started sliding down the canyon in the cold mountain water, everything was well worth it. Taking the superman pose to slide down the river was a bit scary at first, but it was lots of fun in the end.

翌朝ベーグル、サラダ、ジュース、バナナの朝食を取り、二日目のアクティビティー“キャニオニング”へ！ウェットスーツを着て山を少し歩いてキャニオニングができる滝へ！途中で感じた暑さも、いざ冷たい滝の水でキャニオニングを始めてみると気分爽快！最初怖かった生徒さんも最後にはたくさん楽しめました！



After the excitement of canyoning, we had a quick lunch and played a game of nature bingo. Then it was already time to say goodbye to Minakami. On the way back to Tokyo, almost everybody fell asleep on the train. What an exciting, but exhausting trip!

キャニオニングの後お弁当（ランチ）を食べ、先生たちお手製のゲームタイム！自然のものを探す“Nature Bingo”を行いました。気づくとあっという間に出発の時間。現地スタッフに駅まで送ってもらい、帰りの電車の中ではほとんど全員が興奮と疲れで眠ってしまいました。楽しく体力もたくさん使った今回のキャンプでした！