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Environmental Work camp 2006 Natural Park of Kaunergrat, Austria

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At this year's environmental work camp Natural Park Kaunergrat participated 11 teenagers from 16 – 23 years old.

Most of the teenagers were Austrians, two Germans, one British (who has lived in Austria for 3 years) and one Slovenian. We had one participant from Bangladesh who unfortunately didn't get a visa, therefore he wasn't able to come.

The camp was located at the same place like last year and we stayed in the Sportpension Raich in Feichten/Kaunertal again.

The purpose of this year's ecological work camp was to remediate mountain pasture. Unfortunately the weather was very bad over the whole week so that the group wasn't able to work all days long.

On the first day the group knocked down the fundament of a little hut in the forest which had been begun last year already and finished this year. Also the barbed wire was removed.

The second day was meant for removing wood and stones from alpine pasture, so that grass can grow again.

At midday it started raining so hard, that the works were stopped. In the afternoon the weather got better so that one part of the group hiked to the Verpeilhütte and the other part of the group went to the indoor swimming pool.



The hiking group found some mushrooms which were used for a very good meal the other day.



On Wednesday the group drove to the Nassereinalm where the pasture was cleaned from bushes.

At noon the works were finished so we hiked to the Gepatsch-glacier.

When coming back, we went to the Gepatsch-lodge where we ate typical Austrian meals like dumplings called Kaspressknödel and Kaiserschmarrn. We had luck with the weather this day as it was very sunny and beautiful.

On Thursday the weather was so bad that we were unable to work outside. We used the day for playing funny games and doing a ping-pong match.

Friday was bad weather but we were eager to remove the bushes of the alpine pasture on Nassereinalm again, like we had done it on Wednesday.

After two hours we allowed ourselves a hot chocolate and a very good Apfelstrudel in the Nassereinalm. After getting a little bit dry again, we continued our works. The weather got worse and worse so we stopped working and went to Fließ where we bought some products of local farmers. We also went to the agency of the Naturpark Kaunertal and wrote some articles for the press.



The last evening we spent with playing games again.

Although the weather wasn't like we wanted it to be, this year's environmental work camp was good fun and adventure again. It is always nice to meet international people and open one's own horizon!