

International Environmental camp Feichtaualm 2004

Helpful teenagers helped farmers in the mountains Feichtaualm/Sengsengebirge (National Park Kalkalpen) in an environmental camp of the ÖAV youth.

16 teenagers met from the 18th to 24th of July at Feichtaualm. Ute Jungwirth and Gudrun Kössner were the leaders of the camp. The purpose was to do something good for the environment. Participants came from Austria, Germany, Slovenia, Croatia and India.



Mainly they removed plants that are not healthy for cows. Moreover they put wood on a water basin to keep the temperature of the water low which improves the water quality. The participants also carried two new wooden benches up to the Uwe-Anderle-Biwak, 1583m. The old bench was damaged by snow in winter. The environmental camp was supported by the ÖAV-youth, the AV section Molln and by Rosi and Gerd Rettenbacher and Georg Schersch and also by the national park Kalkalpen.

Date: 18.-24.07.2004

Leaders: Ute Jungwirth and Gudrun Kössner

Participants: Berni Raimann (was there the 5th time)
Desirée Coufal
Maya Dutta (Delhi, India)
Ina Färber
Christa Gattringer
Kristina Grabusic (Croatia)
Maja Luzar (Slovenia)
Ulla Mayer
Julia Rastelli (Austria)
Leni Türsting (Germany)
Simon Weitzhofer
Christina Wenth (P.U.L.S.)

Place: Feichtau-Alm / Sengsengebirge (Oberösterreich) in the national park
Kalkalpen

Programme: During the whole week the participants got to know a lot about the national park Kalkalpen, its history of development, about the area itself and about the flora and fauna. They got to know the daily life of alpine pasture and how hard it is to do all the work without machines.

Sunday, 18.07.2004:

This day was arrival day with some delays which were not a problem as the participants went swimming and had a relaxing day to get some energy for the next week.

In the evening the official opening of the camp took place.

Monday, 19.07.2004:

6.30 breakfast

7:30 Although it had rained during the night the group started their work. They decided to carry two new wooden benches to the Uwe-Anderle-Biwak (1583m). Erich and Bernhard Auer from Molln and Andreas Hatzenbichler from the national park accompanied them.

It took the group 2 hours to get there. First they had some difficulties but then as they all helped together they made it.

In the afternoon they went back to Molln, then to Breitenau and then they went up to Feichtaualm (1360m) which took them 20 minutes.

After dinner they had good fun with some games. There were not any problems in conversation as everybody spoke German.

Tuesday, 20.07.2004:

7.30 breakfast

9.00 Walk to Ahornboden 45 minutes. They carried the wooden stems (length of 3 metres each) to the water basin.

12.00 break

17.00 Back at the hut some of the participants wanted to go swimming but there was a thunderstorm coming up so they decided to stay at the hut.

18.00 dinner

After dinner the weather was fine again so they went for a little walk of 30 minutes.

Wednesday, 21.07.2004:

7.30 breakfast

As Christa had too many blisters on her feet she stayed at the hut and helped Rosi to make cheese.

9.00 Same programme as yesterday: carrying the wooden stems on the Ahornboden.

12.00 break and visit of Riki Meindl

18.30 dinner and visit of Franz Maier. Moreover there was a little ceremony as this environmental camp took place the 5th time and was organised by Gudrun Kössner and Ute Jungwirth.

Thursday, 22.07.2004:

6.30 breakfast

'Free day' Mountain tour up to HOHER NOCK (1983m), which is the highest peak of national park Kalkalpen. Everybody made it to the top which unfortunately was in clouds when we reached it. When we were back to the hut the weather was fine again.

12.00 break and lunch

Free afternoon (reading, sleeping, swimming in the lakes, hanging around,...)

18.00 dinner: bbq with the farmers

Friday 23.07.2004:

7.30 breakfast

Last working day on Ahornboden, Finishing the works on the water basin. The basin gives water to the cows as there is no natural spring in the area.

14.00 lunch

15.30 removal of weeds

19.30 dinner

Saturday, 24.07.2004

Packing of the Rucksacks, cleaning the hut

Departure



