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Global Youth Summit 2004



Philippines - Summer Youth Eco Camp 2004

The Mountaineering Federation of the Philippines Inc. (MFPI) in cooperation with the Makiling Center for Mountain Eco-Systems (MCME) organized the MFPI-MCME Summer Youth Eco-Camp held at the Mt. Makiling Botanical Gardens last May 21-22, 2004.



37 youth participants with ages ranging from 8 to 15 years old joined the camp. Activities consist of: (1) Basic Mountaineering Course for Kids - backpacking, trekking, trail techniques, tent pitching and camp cooking; (2) Arts and crafts - tie-dyeing, origami, poster and diorama making; and (3) Lecture/ Presentation of the Natural Science and the Tropical Environment including - forest biodiversity, ecosystem dynamics, natural history, and Leave No Trace Principles (LNT).





Art and trail.

The camp highlights were mountain hikes to the Raptor Centre, which houses a number of bird species including the endangered Philippine Eagle, a clean-up climb to Flat Rocks and short treks to examine Philippine endemic and endangered plants along the slopes of Mt. Makiling.

The camp was organized as part of the MFPI's commitment to encourage responsible mountaineering awareness among the youth and in support of MCME's mission to advance knowledge and the promotion of sustainable development of Mt. Makiling and other tropical mountain ecosystems through integrated and participatory research and demonstration programs.

It was conceptualized as a result of our participation in the International Youth Leaders camp held in Switzerland. It was also organized as part of our commitment as an active member of the International Mountaineering and Climbing Federation (UIAA) and in support of the Global Youth Summit 2004 through the networks of the UIAA Youth Commission.



Group photo



Tropical plants.

The UIAA Global Youth Summit is an opportunity to show support for promoting international cooperation and peace, and protection of the environment.

MFPI-MCME Summer Youth Eco-Camp 2004 organizers:

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Mr. Elmer Cabotage, Chairman - MFPI Education Committee

Dr. Edwino S. Fernando, Director - Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystem.

Mr. Roberto P. Cereno, Eco-tourism and Parks Management Program Leader

Organizations:

1. Mountaineering Federation of the Philippines Inc. <http://www.mfpi.org/>
2. Makiling Center for Mountain Eco-System <http://www.uplb.edu.ph/cfnr/mcme2.htm>
3. Union Internationale Des Associations D' Alpenisme <http://www.uiaa.ch/index.aspx>
4. Leave No Trace <http://www.lnt.org/>