

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Myoko city, Niigata Pref.
2. Research project
Sasagamine Field Science Course
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2016. 8. 1 – 2016. 8. 4 (4 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Professor Shigeru Sugiyama
5. Progress and results of your research/activity (You can attach extra pages if needed)
Please insert one or more pictures (to be publicly released). Below each picture, please provide a brief description.
<p>The aim of this course is to learn the skill of survival that is important fieldwork.</p> <p>Schedule 8/1 AM Arrive at Sasagamine station PM Guidance of this course, Short excursion 8/2 AM An excursion to KARASAWA creek PM Lecture about rope work and HIUCHI climbing 8/3 Climbing Mt. HIUCHI 8/4 AM Forced bivouac instruction PM Leave at Sasagamine station</p> <p>1st day We walked around the station and visited “Udana-no-shimizu” that is spring water. This water was very cold and delicious.</p> <p>2nd day We went to KARASAWA creek in the morning. We sometimes encountered steep slope. Then we were lectured how to avoid danger. We observed many kinds of insects and plants, and I understood some of plants are dangerous because of they have prickles and poison. We went back to station on the way climbing due to rain. When we arrived at station, it rained hard. It is difficult to go back in this hard rain, I thought the decision to go back early was correct. We learned rope work in the afternoon. It was difficult to memorize this work because of there are many kinds of tying. However some tying is useful not only for fieldwork but also for my private life, I would like to remember them to use.</p> <p>3rd day We departed at 5:50. Climbing is first time for me. The ground became soft because of the rain in the day before. Because it was difficult to walk, I sometimes slipped. There are steep slope but it was no problem for me. Slippery ground made me tired. I had to change my clothes many times over because it had been raining on and off all day. When we were climbing, we were lectured about plants. I sometimes ate wild berries. I ate ripe one, but they were sour, not so sweet. The scenery from near the mountaintop was very beautiful. When we arrived at mountaintop, we could find Mt. YAKEDAKE that is next to Mt. HIUCHI. I sometimes found volcanic gas from Mt. YAKEDAKE. It was so amazing.</p>

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4th day

We learned about bivouac. I understood treatment in emergencies.



Spring water



Station



Scenery from mountaintop



Forced bivouac instruction

6. Others

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