



ECOstay

Between the Wood and the Field there's a

The two fantastic environments of wood and field will be observed and studied through play in order to understand about the amazing place we will be walking through and lying on! Using scientific logic and our emotions students will be able to get to know these environments both for their complexity and diversity.

Educational Aims

- Make the most of senses which are not used as much
- Encourage empathy with the natural world
- Gain the ability to critically assess our own behaviour

Educational objectives

- Learn a scientific model which is efficient for the purposes of research and observation
- Define adaptability, habitat and ecological succession
- Stimulate hypothesis and checking them

Target group

This educational programme is aimed at primary and junior schools

Length of stay

3 days – 2 nights

Period

From March to June

Sites

Monte Nerone and Monte Catria

Accommodation

Educational Centre in Piobbico or hostel in Cantiano, a noteworthy historic centre. Rooms contain 4/6/8 beds with shared bathroom facilities. Teachers are accommodated in double rooms containing bathrooms.

Details of the proposed package

Day one – Getting to know the fields and its inhabitants

Arrival

Ice-breaking activities: Socialisation and group bonding activities – A series of activities which will help the students get to know the place they will be spending the next few days in.

Initial activity: Post.it. – Association game .

Relaxation activity: Guided imagination – A relaxation technique which we will try out to focus our attention on the following activities.

Packed lunch

Research activity: investigating the field – Activity carried out with scientific logic and educational tools.

Research activity: Let's see who can find the most insects – We will look for insects using the same methods as entomologists

Settling in to our accomodation

Checking activity: Circle-time – We will discuss a topic dealt with during the day.

Dinner

Educational activity: Nocturnal sounds – A walk at night with our ears open to sounds

Day two – Getting to know the wood

Breakfast

Educational activities:

The name of our emotions- Through our senses we will find out about the various micro-climates of the wood

Describing my leaf – We will play by observing, describing and looking for leaves

Reflexion activities: Where are you plant? – Discussion between groups

Packed lunch

Research activity: investigating the wood – activity carried out with scientific logic and educational tools;.

Re-elaboration activities- Surveys – Sorting out the data obtained through surveys in the last two days.

Dinner

Educational activities: Let's get to know the stars – A walk under the stars with a description of stars and their constellations

Day three – Let's put together wood, fields and the geology of these splendid mountains

Breakfast

Cultural activities: A visit to the village and Geological Museum of Piobbico and Cantiano

Lunch at the hostel

Feedback activities:

The wheels of the wood and field – this is a technique which helps students to visualise the knowledge they have obtained about woods and fields. It is a group activity in which

members must create a graph starting from a given hypothesis.

The timeline – Activity aimed at visualizing the relationship between past, present and future and making a comparison between a “probable” future and a “desired for” future with regards to woods and fields. Students will work in pairs.

Post.it – A final brief feedback activity

