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Junior Ranger program in National Parks of Estonia

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Avastusrada = Discovery Trail

- Smart trails for everyone
- NP or county nature day in september



Nature conservation month

- Starts at 22th of May - International Day for Biological Diversity
- 20 guided hikes all over Estonia
- NGOs 20 hikes
- „Healthy Estonia“



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Target

- Strengthen network of local youngsters in NP-s;
- Involve them to practical nature protection and cultural heritage activities
- Involve local communities through youngsters to NP activities
- Raise awareness and sustainable attitudes

History

- First course in Lahemaa NP in 2004
 - 2012 Vilsandi NP joined
 - 2013 Matsalu NP joined
 - 2014 Karula NP joined
 - 2015 Soomaa NP joined



Activities of the program

- 3-day summer course, 20 participants- totally 100 participants
- 2-day seminar in autumn and in spring
- Camps are organized by environmental education department of Environmental board
- Participation in international camp
- Nordic-Baltic camp in 2.-4. october in Lahemaa



How students can join?

- Information via teachers' networks
- FB
- Direct messages
- Motivation letters



Financing

- Environmental Investment Centre- accommodation, lecturers, transport, participation in international course – approx 35000€ for whole course in a year
- Participants pay for food- 30-40€/participant



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Additional activities

- Students take part in practical activities -monitoring
- Help to organize environmental events- nature evenings, working days, etc;
- Writing research work on NP topics;
- TV nature show short episode creator



Uniform

- Helps to promote NP
- Students wear it proudly.



This is fun





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Thank you!

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