Junior Ranger program in National Parks of 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
• 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
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
Thank you!

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