

Baltic sea connects!

From 27.06. to 01.07.2014. 11th grade students from Aizputes secondary school – Oskars Otaņķis, Ieva Ozola, Krista Petrēvica, Jurgis Toms Liepiņš – and biology teacher Vika Vasiļevska participated in a summer camp in Estonia in the framework of the Baltic Sea Project (BSP). The Baltic Sea Project brings together nine countries located around the Baltic sea.

Goal of the camp was to find out new things from different lecturers about the Baltic sea, do research work, communicate with foreigners and learn something new about culture of: Lithuania, Estonia, Denmark, Germany, Poland.



Participants of Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Denmark, Germany, Poland

The camp took place in Estonia, camping called „Roosta”, two hour drive from Parnu. Students were sharing houses regardless of the nationalities. Camp schedule: in morning students participated in lectures and activities, in the evening every nation presented their culture by singing, dancing and playing games.



Representatives of Latvia:
Aizputes secondary school and Ogresgala basic school.

Students impressions about the camp:

We had lectures, laboratory works and practical tasks on a seashore every day. Research worker Jonne Kotta introduced us with Baltic sea problems and solutions for them, for example, how to reduce distribution of blue-green algae. While wearing specialised waterproof suits we were able to find different species of plants and animals on seashore. Very interesting was another lecture about climate change influence of Baltic sea – how has changed the Baltic sea shore line in decades. Lecturer Kristiina Nurkse guided laboratory work in which we questioned makrology and chromatography using green, brown and red algae pigments. While zooplankton researcher Lennart Lennuk taught us how to make zooplankton net and identify caught species by ourselves. Bird watching (Marko Valker, MeelisUustal), investigation of shore plants (MarjeLoide), comics characters (Diana Tamm, Veronika Svištš) and much more other activities educated us during the camp.



Common workshops - identifying species



Collecting shore plants

in special costumes

The students from Aizputes secondary school presented their country demonstrating national costumes and telling about their school. They also took the opportunity to present their contribution to the [CLIMES AWARD 2012](#) and to talk about their

participating in the award ceremony in Stockholm (Sweden) by showing the video „Everyone can be hero!”.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSgK1MPou7o&feature=share>

Teacher and GREEN member Vika Vasiļevska introduced other colleagues to the GREEN project and its ideas, showed the homepage and the networking platform (VITA-ePortfolio) and presented the opportunity for every school to participate in this project in the future.

<http://mahara.vita-eu.org/view/view.php?id=1886>



Aizputes secondary school's team in presentation night



With teachers from other countries

Time flew by unnoticed. We enjoyed the great place at Roosta camping, acquired knowledge, English language practical use, new friends, experience exchange and fun makes International Nature Science Camp one of the most unforgettable weeks of our summer. Together we can take care, love and protect our Baltic Sea!

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