

Cheerful Nature day

I was invited to visit as a fishing guide in Asinsaari August 22nd. The night before, one class of students from Sammonlahti school and around the same size of group from Berlin, from the nature based school there. The Finns were 9th graders and the German were 10th graders. The theme of the day was fishing and outdoor activities.

At the start of the day, the students were divided into groups, and after that they went around doing three things. The most challenging physically must have been the canoeing. Somewhat more exciting activity was on offer on two activity points (angling and spinning).

The spinning rod activity point didn't provide any catch, but almost everyone absorbed the technique pretty quickly. A few lures had to be registered to the equipment loss section.

At the angling point, the youngsters had a lot of accomplishments. Aside from one person, everyone who grabbed an angling rod, got a fish or multiple. The catch composed of four different species of fish (perch, bleak, roach and rudd). And just to mention, none of the Germans had ever fished before.

The one that controls the weather really made sure that the event was a success. Over Lappeenranta, there was a storm, but luckily it didn't make it to Asinsaari. Every fish was freed, except for the ones that suffered gill damage had to be put down.

Thanks to the two schools for co-operation. Danke schön!

Best wishes,

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