

**Research Activity Report**  
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<b>1. Country/location of visit</b>
Myoko, Niigata Pref.
<b>2. Research project</b>
Sasagamine field course
<b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>
2015.10.1-10.4
<b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>
Sasagamine PWS hut
<b>5. Progress and results of your research/activity</b> (You can attach extra pages if needed)
<p>Please insert one or more pictures (to be publicly released). Below each picture, please provide a brief description.</p> <p>The schedule of this trip is as follows.          10/1 Arrival at Sasagamine hut / Take a walk around hut          10/2 Take a walk around hut          10/3 Climb Mt. Hiuchi          10/4 Learn about rope work, bivouac/ leave from Sasagamine</p> <p>The aim of this trip was to observe an alpine plant, and learn how to survive on the mountain through climbing mountain and rope work and bivouac class.</p> <p>In first day, We arrived at Sasagamine hut and take a walk around hut. We got many wild grapes and hardy kiwis, and akebis while walking. It was very fun. After we came back to hut, we made wild grape jam and paella as dinner. The jam was very sour but it was good.</p> <p>The second day, we also take a walk around hut. We got many acorns and observed plants, mushrooms, insects, snakes, cows, and Japanese macaques. From last night it was heavy rain, but it was stopped in the morning. So it was very comfortable walk. After dinner, we had a lecture how to read maps. It was very useful lecture for me. Also we made the plan of climbing tomorrow such as the time we have to leave hut and the summit.</p> <p>The third day, We woke up 4:30am, and started climbing at 6:00am. We checked where we were now on the maps while climbing, but it was little bit difficult. We reached the summit at noon. The view from the summit was very beautiful. The way back from summit, it was harder than the way to the summit.</p> <p>The first group including me arrived hut at 5:00pm, and last group arrived at 5:40pm. It was very good everyone could climb the mountain without any accidents.</p> <p>The last day, we had a lecture about rope work. It was my first time to learn rope work</p>

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so it was very interesting. I want to make some practice to use these rope works someday. Also we had a lecture about bivouac. It was also the first time to learn bivouac. I think it was very important to keep calm when some accidents happen and know how important to predict and prepare for the accidents. It was very good experience to climbing mountain with experts. I am looking forward to go Sasagamine again in winter season.



Making wild grape jam



Taking a walk around hut



The way to the summit



The view from the summit

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Rope work



Lecture of bivouac

**6. Others**

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