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Family eco-tourism

A case study of inspiring children in China towards greater appreciation for the protected areas



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Call for family eco-tour

Challenge

- Conflicts(conservation VS development)
- Environment consciousness
- Tourism industry status
- Economic transition

Solution

- SEE (service/ economy/ environment)
- Family Ecotourism
- Responsible actions
- Public- private cooperation
- Social networking

Liziping Nature Reserve, Ya'an, Sichuan province



Contents

- Unique destinations, authentic nature and local culture
- Professional and academic leaders and guides
- Volunteering projects
- Scientific report

4 families, 6 children, 6 days

- Volunteer work
- Scientific research
- Local ethnic community

Volunteer work

Bifengxia Giant Panda Centre Cleaning cages Feeding pandas Learning to do behavior survey on pandas









Conservation life

Liziping Nature Reserve. Assisting scientists working on basic research for pandas.





I'm so tired...



Mamadi Scientific Research Station.

Experiencing a night in the wild and having a good night after all-day hiking.





Ethnic community

Communicating with local ethnic community- the Yi nationality.





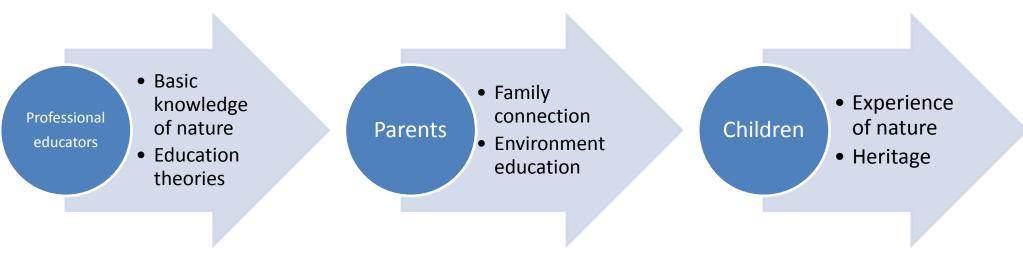




Outcomes:

- 1. Specialization
- 2. Environment consciousness
- 3. Enhance local culture
- 4. Benefit host community
- 5. Heritage

Heritage



Thank you

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