# ACCREDITATION COURSE FOR THE SUPPORT PARK RANGERS

The Support Park Rangers are the certified volunteers to support the Tokyo Park Rangers.

The course to accredit new members was ended in August. Members of Tokyo Park Rangers, Tokyo Metropolitan Government officials, and senior Support Park Rangers gave lectures in the classroom and conducted practical training in the field. All students took the course with enthusiasm.

The Support Park Rangers help preserve the nature and ensure safety in natural parks. Keep looking forward to their future activities!



## BE CAREFUL ONCE YOU HAVE HAD A DRINK!

Many people visit and enjoy Mt. Takao, so many climbing accidents occur. Some 100 emergency calls are made every year for an ambulance. However, many of such calls are due to visitors' poor physical condition, some of which relate to alcoholic drinks.

Emergency squad members tell us that alcohol-related accidents increase in the hot season when people love to drink beer. If by any chance you slip down a slope and break a bone, many emergency squad members will be mobilized for your rescue operation.

Once you drink at or near the top of Mt. Takao, please try to climb down on the broad and mostly paved Trail No.1 or use the cable car.



## A BIT SCARED?

Tokyo Park Rangers run a booth at events such as the Hossawa Falls Furusato Summer Festival, Yama no Furusato Mura Spring Festival, etc. Stuffed animals may look gross to you and scare you a bit.(haha)

We enjoy introducing Tokyo's natural parks. Please feel free to drop by our booth!





#### **Operations of the Tokyo Park Rangers**

- 1. Spreading appropriate behavior in nature utilization to tourists, etc. and enlightening them about it;
- 2. Monitoring the poaching and theft of rare species of animals and plants;
- 3. Inspecting and performing emergency repairs of hiking trails, signposts, etc. to ensure safety of hikers and other users;
- Continuously observing and monitoring the natural environment such as inhabitation of animals and growing conditions of plants; and

Explaining about nature as well as hiking trails and facilities to visitors to natural parks.

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