Children’s Nature program Inclusive Edition for children with and without visually disabilities

Theme/Place:
Impact based on evidence - Miracatu e São Paulo / SP

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Context and goals:
Children with and without disabilities are distant from nature. And there is limited knowledge of the potentialities of the visually disabled. We promote the outdoor exchange for them to create an emotional relationship with nature and experience diversity.

Methodology:
One day of interaction in an Atlantic Forest, practicing canoeing, trekking, river bathing, and playing. Children with and without visually disabilities discover ways of playing and interacting with nature together. The activities help to demystify pre-conceived ideas about blindness, supporting the inclusion process.

Result:
100% of the families agree that the program helps the inclusion process. 100% of the children would recommend the activity to other children. 89% of participants feel safer doing the canoeing activity. Participants indicate the significant impacts of the program: contact among diverse children, contact with nature, trust, respect, and empathy.

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