

SOCIAL INCLUSION OPPORTUNITIES

NATURAL HERITAGE

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YOUNG GUARDIANS OF NATURE

For twenty years, the Kozjansko Regional Park has been running natural science camps in the Obsotelje and Kozjansko region for primary school children and since 2013 camp participants have been gaining valuable recognition in the form of "Young Guardian of Nature" Acknowledgments. All the camp activities take place within the protected area of the Kozjansko Regional Park and the Kozjansko and Obsotelje Biosphere Reserve.

The town Podsreda with the Podsreda Castle and its surroundings is considered to be a place of exceptional cultural heritage, which further contributes to the well-being of the participants and a better understanding that nature protection and preservation of cultural heritage are key in planning a sustainable development of protected areas and biosphere reserves.



The education of "Young Guardians of Nature" is crucial for the future of the Obsotelje and Kozjansko region, as the survival and success of the protected area system depends primarily on future generations who will understand that they must work and live in harmony with nature and culture.



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OBJECTIVE

At the camps, young participants with the help of professional mentors in the field of nature and cultural heritage protection:

- become acquainted with nature conservation in the most important habitats, such as tall meadow orchards, dry meadows, forest, streams and rivers,
- get to know protected plant and animal species,
- observe daytime and nocturnal butterflies,
- learn about the importance of birds and how to take care of them,
- perform experiments in nature and make objects from natural materials,
- explore inanimate nature with a focus on fossils,
- discover the cultural heritage of the protected area, and get to know local providers who grow and process food in a nature-friendly way and local craftsmen.



WHAT OFFERS?

They are organizing three five-day camps a year, held during the summer holidays. The camps are intended for children from all over Slovenia. They do, however, strive to include as many children as possible from the Kozjansko and Obsotelje Unesco Biosphere Reserve. Each camp accommodates up to 25 young participants aged between 6 and 14 years.