

TMR offered help – children from community centers at Skalnaté pleso

DEMÄNOVSKÁ DOLINA (July 13, 2011) – Tatry mountain resorts, a.s. decided to support children from Romany settlements. Children from three community centers in Eastern Slovakia visited Tatranská Lomnica and made a cableway trip full of memorable moments to Skalnaté pleso.

Summer is the most favorite period of the year for children. They are on vacation for two months and organize trips with parents, enjoy the experience, and relax. Tatry mountain resorts, a.s. decided to offer a different way to spend the summer to the children, who are not able to spend it like their peers due to their family background.

A few days ago children **from three community centers**, operated by an organization, called Člověk v tísni, in municipalities Roškovce (Levoča county), Sveržov (Bardejov county) and Petrovany (Prešov county), **experienced a cableway trip to Skalnaté pleso**. Children were from 12 to 15 years old. They live in excluded communities of Romany settlements and are long term patrons of the. Instructors work with them daily in the afternoon in low-threshold centers for children and youth. The older children are included into the programs of career advising, focused on selecting the appropriate type of high school and on motivating for further studies.

The trip in the Tatras was a reward for the children who participated in activities in the centers. Children who visited the Tatras were selected via a motivational point system, which is in operation in the centers. Children and youth gain points for self-improvement (tutoring, participation in courses), or performing of activities for others (cleaning, tutoring, voluntary work, etc.) Children who gained the highest total number of points were rewarded with the trip.

Because some of the children visited the Tatras for the first time, the trip was very impressive for them. **The cableway trip to Skalnaté pleso was a great experience.** Some of the children had a feeling that they were on a plane during the ride. Some of them were scared at the beginning, but after they overcame the fear they enjoyed the cableway trip during a nice weather. The children also tried a project- Tatras´ wilderness – an educational/entertaining hike in the Tatras. **They enjoyed an eco-mini park- Marmot´s land (Svišťa krajinka) at Skalanté pleso- the most.** The children were impressed by the climbing wall, bear cottage, fauna and flora educational boards, and other attractions.

The trip was an indescribable experience for the children. They were so impressed by the cableway trip that they cannot wait for the next trip.

It is a pleasure for Tatry mountain resorts, a.s. to make a vacation dream come true for children...



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