

Utilization and creation of thinnings

-Through making things, PBL fostering professionals that make use of people, areas, nature. -

Kawakami-mura Moksyou Scool · Kawakami-mura(village), Nara Prefecture

This activity is a practical education to learn wooden construction that has been ongoing for 20 years in Kawakami-mura, Nara Prefecture, where Yoshino Forestry is located. The purpose of this program is to experience the whole process of protection, nurturing, production, creation and maintenance of forest, wood and lumber structure. And to foster people who can understand nature, the region and people deeply. This school is a joint development with Kawakami village, forming an inter-university in cooperation with five universities located in the Kansai area, and since its opening in 1998, the number of students who participated is 1473.

The focus of these activities is the following four points.

- 1. An educational program that comprehensively learns the flow from thinning to design and maintenance in wooden buildings.**
- 2. To understand the nature of wood and experience the difficulties of nature and manufacturing by using thinning materials.**
- 3. Through communication with other university students and villagers, we can learn about the importance of consensus building and collaboration among many people.**
- 4. Students will learn about Japan's forest area issues such as depopulation problems. And we can give vitality to the area through multilateral interaction with villagers such as participating in festivals.**