

Eastern Japan Disaster Volunteer Report – Volume 1
As of May 14, 2011
J-VIPA (Japan Volunteers In Parks Association)

Dates: April 30, 2011 – May 5, 2011 (4 nights 6 days)

Location: Ishinomaki City in Miyagi Prefecture & Minami-Soma City in Fukushima Prefecture

Participants: 8 total members, including 6 J-VIPA members

Transportation: 2 personal vehicles

Lodging: 2 personal tents pitched at the playground in Ishinomaki Senshu University

Itinerary:

April 30: Met at Takadanobaba Station in Tokyo at 6:00 pm. Drove on Tohoku Express Way and arrived at Ishinomaki City around 1:30 am, pitched tents in the playground.

May 1: Register at Ishinomaki Disaster Volunteer Center. Cleaned up debris at Myojinsha Shrine in the morning. Dish washing for displaced people at a shelter lunch time. Debris clean up at the same shrine in the afternoon.

May 2: Debris clean up for the personal house in front of the Myojinsha in the morning. Dish washing at lunch. Debris clean up at the Myojinsha in the afternoon. In the evening one of the members moved to Minami Soma City. Another member went home in Tokyo.

May 3: Two of the members inspected Onagawa Town in the morning. A new member came to join. Debris clean up at the Myojinsha in the morning. Dish washing at lunch. 2 of the members went home and stuck in the heavy traffic. Three of the members provided kids program: treasure hunting game at Watanoha Elementary School which is another shelter. Dish washing at lunch. Went back to school and played sports and music with kids. One of the members helped kitchen at a shelter in Hara Machi Daiichi Elementary School in the morning, and helped kitchen at the Kashima Health

Center in the afternoon, both in Minami Soma City.

May 4: Four members inspected Onagawa Town and cleaned up at Watanoha Elementary School in the morning. Joined the kids soccer game.

Folded tents and headed to Tokyo at 14:00, stuck in the heavy traffic.

One of the members distributed sweets at Hara Machi Daiichi Elementary School in the morning. Played music at Haramachi Junior High School in the afternoon. Headed home in Tokyo.

May 5: Arrived in Tokyo around 1:00 am. Two of the members could not get home and stayed overnight in an office in Tokyo.

Expenses: Highway Fee 8,710 yen. Gas 22,869 yen. Supplies 4,037 yen. Total 35,616 yen.

*Used money from donation account at Key Bank in Eatonville, WA, USA.

Special Notes:

During the Golden Week Holiday Season, the volunteer center won't accept new volunteers from outside the prefecture, so they have signed up as existing volunteer group such as Waseda University Volunteer Center. Earth Day Japan, NPO, was a lead group who worked with J-VIPA and we served mainly at Myojinsha Shrine, Watanoha Elementary School, and Minato Junior High School, all in Ishinomaki City.

Every morning, we joined the NPO meeting at a community center near Ishinomaki Senshu University at 7:00 am.

Every night, there are staff meeting at a volunteer center located in Ishinomaki Senshu University at 7:00 pm.

We worked with Kamakura City in Kanagawa Prefecture Fire Fighter Department staffs as well as Nishi Akashi High School students in Hyogo Prefecture at Myojinsha Shrine.

Minato Junior High School is a designated evacuation shelter and they serve about 500 lunches a day and we helped dish washing at lunch break.

We worked with JICA and Musashi Art University students at Watanoha Elementary School.

Our meals were combination of self cooking and served foods.

Debris clean up at Myojinsha made us fishy smell, since there were tons of dead fish among the debris.

Some grocery stores in the city operate normally, so we could purchase whatever supply we needed.

The reports said that there were more than 3,000 volunteers came to Ishinomaki City during this Golden Week Holiday Season.

Japanese Self Defense made a decision of reducing the number of staffs for cleaning up. This also means they supply less foods or supplies.

Onagawa Town, next to Ishinomaki City was completely destroyed due to the Tsunami waves reached the 4 story buildings.

On May 1, we saw one of the boxing champions, Mr. Motoki Sasaki, was doing some volunteer work at Minato Junior High School.

We all got fishy smell on the first day, so we purchased air fresher.

The night falls were extremely chilly, so we also purchased mattresses.

On May 2, when we went back to the university, our tents were blown off due to the high wind. Hot foot bath service was provided and we took an opportunity to wash our hair. Heard there are fee operated bath service provided by Self Defense, but couldn't find it. Dinner was served one time by a certain NPO. Next day we expected another meal but no service were provided anymore.

On May 3, there were free teeth counseling service and one member got free treatment. One of our members accidently took the cooking tools and went home, so we used a broken kohhel to cook rice for dinner. Some NPO started arguing about using the generators in our tent sites. One NPO insisted donating the generators for the displaced people.

On May 4, there was a small but deep argument between 1 kid and 1 mother about soccer, and extended the argument spread through the evacuation shelter. We can understand the stress levels of evacuees are extremely high.

Express Way was extremely high volume of the traffic and we took 11 hours to get back to Tokyo, normally 6 hours.

On May 5, there was a festival held at Myojinsha Shrine and about 2,000 participants gathered.

There are quite a long way ahead to restore the damaged areas.

We are considering keeping going back some other time.

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PHOTOS



Near Myojinsha Shrine



Near Myojinsha Shrine



Myojinsha surrounded by debris



Debris cleaning up at Myojinsha



Debris cleaning up at Myojinsha



After cleaning up



Kitchen serve at Minato Junior High



Lunch served at the shelter



Dish washing after the lunch



Talking with a person displaced



Kids program in Watanoha Ele. School



Tent sites at Ishinomaki Senshu Univ.



Current situation near Myojinsha



Slogan for restoration



Near Onagawa Town Hall



Tsunami attacked 4th floor of buildings.

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日本自然環境ボランティア協会

東日本大震災ボランティア活動報告書（#1）

日時：2011年4月30日（土）～5月5日（木） 4泊6日

活動地：宮城県石巻市／福島県南相馬市

参加者：HY、TY、GO、MK（以上 4/30～5/5）、KI（4/30～5/3）、MM、KH（以上 4/30～5/4）、SK（5/3のみ）の8名（内下線メンバー6名がJ-VIPA）

交通：WC 所有車、KI 所有車

宿泊：石巻専修大学内で野営（テント2張） ※TGU 所有のテントを借りた
（MM@南相馬市：原町第一小体育館）

旅程・活動内容：

4月30日（土）：18時高田馬場集合、東北自動車道佐野サービスエリアでKI合流、翌1:30に石巻着、石巻専修大学にてテント設営

5月1日（日）：石巻災害ボランティアセンターにて登録、午前中は明神社で瓦礫除去、昼は湊中で皿洗い、午後は明神社で瓦礫除去

5月2日（月）：午前中は明神社前の個人宅の瓦礫除去、昼は湊中で皿洗い、午後は明神社で清掃、夕方MMは南相馬市へバスで移動、KHは夜行バスで帰京

5月3日（火）：HY・KIは午前中女川町視察、SK出迎え、明神社で瓦礫除去、昼に湊中学校で皿洗い後、KI・SK帰京（大渋滞）

GO・MK・TYは午前中に渡波小学校でキッズプログラム（宝探し）実施、昼に湊中学校で皿洗い後、渡波小に戻り子供とスポーツ・音楽交流

MMは午前中に南相馬市原町第一小で炊き出し、午後は鹿島保健センターで炊き出し

5月4日（水）：HY・GO・MK・TYは女川町視察後、渡波小で清掃・キッズサッカー、午後テント撤営、帰京（大渋滞）

MMは午前中に南相馬市原町第一小でお菓子配り、午後は原町二中で演奏会、帰京

5月5日（木）：深夜1:00に東京着、GO・TYは都内泊

経費：高速代 8,710円／ガス代 22,869円／備品代 4,037円 合計 35,616円

※Eatonville 募金から支出

特記事項：

連休中は新規団体を受け付けないので、既登録団体としてエントリーした。

現地では、アースデイジャパンにお世話になり、主に明神社・湊中・渡波小で活動した。

毎朝7時よりグループ参加者による集会在石巻専修大学近くの地域活動センターで開催される。

毎夕7時より社会福祉協議会を交えた団体代表者による打合せが石巻専修大学内で開催される。

明神社では、鎌倉市消防署や明石西高校と一緒に活動した。

湊中学が避難所となっており、昼食の炊き出し（約500食）が行われ、毎日、皿洗いを行った。

渡波小では、JICA 青年海外協力隊、武蔵野美術大学と一緒に活動した。

食事は自炊、避難所での炊き出し、大学での炊き出しを組み合わせた。

明神社では、瓦礫の中の魚の腐臭が強く、全員、魚臭くなってしまった。

市内のジャスコは平常通り営業しており、何でも買い出し可能。

連休中は石巻に3,000人のボランティアが出動したとのこと。

自衛隊はまもなく作業人員を削減するとのことで、食糧・物資の配給も打ち切られるらしい。

隣町の女川町では津波がビル4階の高さで襲い、町は壊滅状態だった。

5月1日、湊中にボクシング東洋太平洋チャンピオンの佐々木基樹選手が炊き出しに来ていた。

TY 所有のコッヘルの裏蓋を誤って燃やし、ゴムが溶け出してGO ガスコンロが使えなくなる。

初日の作業で全員、体が魚臭くなり、ジャスコでファブリーズを購入。

夜がとても寒く、マットをジャスコで購入。

5月2日、石巻専修大学に戻ったら突風でテントがつぶれていた。足湯のサービスがあり、洗髪を行う。自衛隊の有料風呂サービスがあるらしいが結局利用できず。この日の夕食はボランティアへの炊き出しがあったので、それで済みます。

5月3日、湊中に歯科医のサービスがあり、HYは無料で虫歯治療を受ける。KI車がTY 所有のコンロとコッヘルを積んだまま帰京したため、ゴムで覆われたGO ガスコンロを修理して、釜でご飯を炊くことに。夜、ジェネレーター（発電機）を巡ってNPOが対立。

5月4日、避難所の母親と子供がサッカーを巡って喧嘩となり、避難民を巻き込んだの大騒動勃発。東北自動車道が大渋滞となり11時間かけて帰京。

5月5日の明神社でのお祭りでは、2000人以上の人が集まったらしい。

被災地の復旧にはまだまだ時間がかかるので、再出動を検討中。

以 上