

The Farm and Coast as Classroom

The course "Farm and coast as classroom" is a pilot project in Troms which is done in teams - teacher and farmer, teacher and fishermen. The course starts in fall, goes over three weekend seminars with work on a project assignment between seminars.

The thought behind this course and its follow-up in practice is to bring more of the real life into learning situations and contribute to better motivation by making learning more meaningful, participatory and useful. By using the farm and the coast as a classroom, the opportunity is given for pupils to achieve the feeling of mastering. This will contribute to developing resources which are not always so obvious in the classroom. The farm and the coast provide a wealth of different experiences and frameworks for learning. The anchoring to the local community, the strengthening of identity are also advantages of such learning.

The course "The farm and the coast as classroom" is grounded in the school curriculum and in the teaching of specific subjects. The farm and the coast can be used to connect theory and practice for all school disciplines, at the same time as it is inherently interdisciplinary.

Semester papers in the course will be involved with the planning, trial and evaluation of farm-school and coast-school projects as a part of the regular school activity and as a supplemental way of teaching. This does not replace the work that is already being done outdoors, but builds on these experiences, systematizes them and works to develop them further.

The course is given in cooperation between the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and the regional green services project.