

A thank you to the Rieti area for the UNIMONT Summer Camp

Last week, from 20th to 23rd June, the Mountain University Centre of Excellence - Edolo(BS) Campus of the University of Milan - chose the Rieti area to host its Summer Camp. The courtesy and enthusiasm of all those who contributed to the realization of this scientific field trip, made this an educational experience which was useful, but also fun and full of opportunities to create new contacts and establish important human relationships.



The UNIMONT Summer Camp was the first step towards the activities of the Italian Mountain Lab project, proposed and coordinated by Prof. Anna Giorgi of the Mountain University and funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research, aimed at implementing the research, training and networking activities for mountains throughout Italy. A field trip in which more than 50 students and lecturers were able to discover the Rieti area thanks to guided tours and educational activities in places and businesses in the area.

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