

WINTER CAMP 2013

Introduction

Three days winter camp to Don Bosco School, Malbasey, West Sikkim (110 kms from our college) was organised by Salesian College Siliguri Campus from 26th to 28th Dec, 2013. It was initiated by Manish Jaiswal, Vice-President of Student Council and supervised by Chanchal Agarwal & Tony Thomas, Students representative and other senior students of the college. Mr. Biju Matthew joined as a teacher-in-charge of the camp. Two members of alumni-Anu Agarwal and Khushboo Rakhecha accompanied the group.

Day 1(Thursday, 26th Dec)

Group started their journey around 09:30 am with the prayers conducted by Fr. James Chako, Vice Principal of Day Shift and the words of instructions given by Fr. George Thadathil, Principal and Mr. Biju Matthew. The group was divided into one bus and two small vehicles according to the seating capacity. We were total 36 students and 1 faculty member. The group halted at Lohapool for little refreshments. At 01.00 pm the group halted again in Jorthang for half an hour for scenic view. Around 03.00 pm we finally reached to Malbasey School, there we were welcomed by the Rector of the school and the Bursar, Bro. Roy explained us everything about our accommodation, cooking, etc. After the lunch was served at 3:30 pm, students went for arranging their luggage and beddings. After snacks and tea in evening, there was cutting of cake and bonfire organised as a Christmas party with the appearance of Santa Claus. Antakshari competition was held between the students of 1st year v/s 2nd and 3rd years. Then some students went to see nearby Dark-bungalow with Fr. Noby. Approximately, around 11 pm all returned to their dormitory after dinner.

Day 2 (Friday, 27th Dec)

After breakfast around 07.00 am, the first activity of the day was to prepare our own breakfast. Then the group went for visit to Singshore hanging Bridge, Pelling. There we did trekking for almost more than an hour. At 3 pm the group returned back to Malbasey School and had lunch. The very evening there were events like 'Housie' and 'Treasure-hunt' organised by activities department. Before dinner, Fr. Martin, Rector of the school gave the welcome speech to the students, Fr. Noby George, Principal of the school showed a documentary relating to the growth and development of the school and Fr.

George Thadathil, our Principal who joined us asked the students to make a critical report about the trip and we also had an interaction session among us. It was 11pm when we finished our dinner and went to our rooms.

Day 3(Saturday, 28th Dec)

Early morning at 6 the group we our teacher in charge went for morning walk and did some physical exercise. They also visited to nearby Monastery. Then after breakfast, we all did our packing's and the room was check out with lots of memories and then there were more activities like basketball, musical chair, again housie, passing the parcel, Badminton, etc. After lunch the core team met Fr. Noby George, Principal of the school thanked him for him cooperation and presented him a given token of appreciation and sweets on behalf of Salesian College. A group of girls also went to thanks Sisters for their help in support to the girls in accommodation. At last there was photo session with Br. Roy and the group, followed Br. Roy with cheers and gratitude of thanks. Bro. Roy invited us for a future trip.

Conclusion

Three days camp to Sikkim was full of fun, frolic and excitement. Amidst of chilling climate the group enhanced lot from the trip as an education, as to improve their leadership skill or as a method to recognise the one owns ability to stay in camp. Thanks to Manish Jaiswal for organising such trip. Thanks in no less word go to Chanchal Agarwal, Tony Thomas and senior students for their constant effort to make the winter camp successful. Thanks to each and every one.

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