

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY

Hindustan Scouts and Guides Camp: Classes III – V

Day-1

Introduction

On 11/11/24, Monday, The Hindustan Scouts and Guides was organized and started with three day camp at St. Joseph's Academy, for students of classes 3rd to 5th. The camp aimed to introduce the young learners to the principles, activities, and opportunities offered by the Scouts and Guides movement, encouraging them to develop leadership, teamwork, and community service skills.

To make the session engaging for the students, the instructors used various interactive methods, including real-life stories and demonstrations of basic scouting skills. The session also emphasized the importance of physical fitness, mental sharpness, and moral development. The instructors shared inspiring stories of Scouts and Guides who had made significant contributions to society, fostering a spirit of volunteerism and patriotism among the students.

The first day of activities organized by the Hindustan Scouts and Guides aimed at fostering teamwork, leadership, and skills development among students. A variety of engaging activities were planned to enhance participants' abilities while promoting outdoor education.

- The day commenced with an opening ceremony, including lamp lighting, flag hoisting and felicitation. We have welcomed our distinguished guest, the scout leaders Mr. Rahul Kumar Sir accompanied by Mr. DC Kamal Sir and Mr. Dinesh Sir and the other team members. After that felicitation was done by our School Manager, Rev. Fr. Leo, Principal, Rev. Fr. Earnest and Head Mistress Sr. Smitha. Our teachers Mrs. Poonam Aggarwal and Mrs. Ritika Mehta was awarded with a token of acknowledgment in the form of certificates. This was followed by the motivational words by the Scout leader, Mr. Rahul Kumar. The emphasis was on the values of scouting: integrity, respect, and service.

After that Participants engaged in fun ice-breaking games to familiarise themselves with each other. This helped to build camaraderie among students. Activities like Scout clap, scout salute, scout hand- shake were practiced.

Experienced instructors provided hands-on training, emphasizing practical applications of various techniques.

- **Eyes of Mind Sense Activity:** The Mind Sense Activity aimed to challenge participants' critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. This

engaging session encouraged students to recollect the items that were shown to them for 10 seconds and were to recall those items, once hidden.

- **Command and action:** In this activity leader will play whistle and they all start moving in circle and in next whistle they need to stop and make groups according to leader's instructions.

- **Fast and throw ball:** In this activity students were asked to go and pick the ball kept at different distance.

- **Smell Area:** The Smelling Activity successfully engaged participants, fostering sensory exploration and enhancing group interaction. Students left with a greater appreciation for the activity of sense of smell as commandos are expected to use their smell to identify the oncoming danger.

- **Commando Bridge (Crawling Activity):** To promote physical fitness and teamwork through crawling exercises and obstacle navigation, the Crawling Area was designed and set-up. The Crawling Area activity was a highlight of the Scouts Camp, providing participants with a memorable experience that promoted physical activity and collaboration. As a commando, this skill helps them to escape the fire and other places of hide-outs.

- **Spy game:** In this game one student will find out the mistake of other children who are not doing the activity properly.

- **Fire in the mountain :-** The aim of the game is to be the player who stays in the game the longest. The Scout leader shouts out "Fire on the mountain!" and All the students respond with "Fire!" but stay lying down. Then the leader shouts out "Fire on the river!" Again the players reply with "Fire" but do not jump up. This continues on with the leader changing the last word of the phrase. He tries to think of as many different places for the fire. These games help to build oral language, collaboration, listening skills, vocabulary, wondering, innovations, explorations and community.

Various other games were also played in separate groups like Bouncing ball, Frog Jump, Arjun Game, Message Game etc.

- **Indoor activities:** Few activities to disseminate related information, were also conducted as Scouts Camp aimed to equip participants with essential knowledge and skills related to scouting principles, safety, and outdoor activities. These sessions complemented the practical experiences, ensuring a well-rounded learning environment.

Conclusion

Day 1 of the Hindustan Scouts and Guides' activities was a resounding success, with students actively participating and demonstrating enthusiasm. The combination of skill-building, teamwork, and fun set a positive tone for the following days. Students

were actively engaged in the various activities. It was a perfect blend of fun and learning where students were able to engage in outdoor as well as indoor activities.

