



The Bishop's School, Camp

Activity Report

The Scouts Trip to Bhaje Caves

Date: 30th July, 2011

The scout boys of classes 6th and 7th std. from The Bishop's School, Camp were taken on their yearly one day trekking camp to the Bhaje caves at Lonawala. There were about 160 boys assisted by 8 teachers including the Scout Master Mr. J.Baskaran and around 10 scout prefects.

The scouts assembled in school at 7.30am. After taking the attendance, they were distributed in four school buses. Each bus had two teachers to take care of the boys. The teachers were assisted by three to four prefects. The buses departed from school at 8 am.

It was two hours drive to the caves. The weather was at its best with a slight drizzle rendering to the scenic beauty of the surroundings on the way. The boys enjoyed their long drive to the caves.

Breakfast was served in the bus. The scouts reached the destination at 10.30am. Soon they were arranged in lines and began trekking their way up to the caves. It was a long climb up. This distance was covered in an hour's time. The boys enjoyed the trekking and all the effort seemed worth it when they reached the caves on the top of the hill which was at the altitude of 300m above sea level. The old Buddhist caves are magnificent in their structure and size. It leaves one dumbstruck at the effort put into their creation at a period of time when tools weren't mechanized. The location seemed like heaven on earth.

The scout boys were then taken around the caves where they learnt a lot about its history. They spent around 2 hours in admiring every blocks and rooms of the caves. Then the usual scout rally was held where the scouts assembled in their respective groups. Scout games like crawling monkeys and dog and the bone were conducted by the leaders and all the scouts enjoyed themselves. They were then led down the hill. They reached the foot of the hill at 2pm. The boys were then led to a shaded place in a nearby municipal school, due to rains, where the local people's hospitality pleased the scouts, where then they were served their lunch. After gorging on the lip smacking food the scout boys went back into the buses at 4pm.

The buses reached back school at 5.45pm. Though it was a tiring day, the scouts enjoyed their trip thoroughly and were looking forward to many more such trips in the future.

