

THE INME CAMP PANCHGHANI 2018 DAY 4

CAMPS & OPPORTUNITIES

With the revolution in the fast paced world, there has been a shift in the objectives of education as well. The cardinal focus of Education now offers an extraordinary emphasis on developing life skills in students, as they are the important building blocks, who can cope up with future challenges, and survive.

The home away from home is a wonderful endeavour by DPS, Pune. To cope with extensive options and change of modern lifestyles, students need to experience various challenges to realise their own potential. These challenges require immediate and an effective response from a socially responsible system of education. Education, now a days is hence, very important, but the kind of education, to support and live life better, is more important. Thus, the key focus of Education needs to lay emphasis on honing such skills in students, in order to face trials and survive proudly .

The outdoor education Camps provide opportunities for students to be independent, and exercise self-discipline. These exciting and adventurous activities develop the students' ability at an individual and personal level, and allow them to take on greater challenges socially and academically. *"Something to do, something to think about, something to enjoy in the woods, with a view, leads to character-building."*- **Ernest Thompson-Seton.**

Character building! What a great objective!

It challenges the best that is in a child. Camping is an experience; because of natural, physical, social, educational, moral, and religious conditions, the children learn the underlying principles which determine character. Such camps offer an opportunity for the children to grow, develop and practice the principles of togetherness and self reliance. The environment in the camps helps promote teamwork, leadership and unity. The challenges make them stronger and more competent. They develop faith in others which is the foundation of society. Unknowingly they develop the spirit of altruism and a ready to help attitude.

Developing an understanding of the natural world, has always been a key component of such activities. Students are provided with direct experiences that enable them to integrate their learning into the wider world and make personal connections. Emphasizing hands-on, real-world learning experiences, helps students develop stronger ties to their community, enhances students' appreciation for the natural world, and creates a heightened commitment to serve others. They also provide opportunities that stimulate the development of each camper's self-esteem. Staying amidst nature enables them to appreciate their natural surroundings. They realise their ethical obligation to be good stewards of the planet and responsible trustees of the legacy to future generations..

Finally, time away from home allows them to a better appreciation of family and the luxuries provided in a sheltered environment of a home .

“Today's experience was totally different, we had a wilderness camp today, everyone told us it was going to be boring so, I had decided not to go, but finally I went. It turned out to be such a great learning experience. I am so glad I didn't stay back.” **Umair Bhat XI-B**

“An incredible camp site with various activities such as bouldering, cave exploration, rope course and hike. It has improved my interpersonal skills . Thank-you school for organizing this camp.” **Raunak Sharma XI-B**

“The greatest excursion ever! Very approachable instructors especially Umashankar Sir. The best part was the cave exploration and hiking where we were the only group to go over the waterfalls! A treasured experience!” **Mohammed Modak XI-B**

“Since the first day we all came here we knew that this was going to be a very rewarding experience. To be able to spend so many days away from the rush and pressures of the city was something each and every one of us desperately needed; or simply, a break. We learnt teamwork, coordination and coping with the other people's drawbacks. Thanks for this wonderful and absolutely amazing opportunity!” **Kashish Gupta XI-A**

“It gives me immense pleasure to be a part of this camp. This camp has taught me so much about being a responsible person. Experiencing this time is wonderful!” **Palak Garg XI-C**

“It was learning at every step. We had the zip lining and rope course activities. I am very grateful to Principal Madam for giving us this opportunity! Time just flew by. I have had few of the best experiences of my life here. Apart from enjoyment, there was lot of introspection.” **Lakshmi Karre XI-C**

“This programme is an amazing experience and very motivating. The life skills lessons came alive in the camp . Thank-you so much DPS for this opportunity! **Aarushi Verma XI-A**

“The INME programme has been an eye opener. It has helped us learn values and has also given us an wonderful experience that we will remember. We thank our school for giving us this life changing opportunity.” **Devika B Nair XI-B**

“The programme was simply outstanding! The people, the staff were very supportive. I like to thank our school for providing us with this amazing experience.” **Uday Chauhan XI-C**

“This excursion has been an enriching experience for all . It's a break from our mundane routine. Cant thank enough to our Principal for taking this initiative.” **Avantika Nair XI-C**

“We had cave exploration today and never expected it will be so much fun. We trailed through the rocks and boulders and finally cave. The guides constantly motivated us ensuring that we placed the right foot forward. It is an experience to last forever.” **Moiz Hafiz XI-C**

“The five day trip arranged by our school for us has been a delightful break. From the camp instructors to the experts who guided us, everyone was very supportive and cheerful. The schedule seemed hectic and exhausting initially, but eventually all of us enjoyed.” **Elena Marshall XI-C**

“The cave exploration activity was beyond words , the flora and fauna around us was simply mesmerizing . We were awed to see the gadgets and head gears . I thank Principal Madam, all the teachers who accompanied us and our INME instructors for this really great experience. I would love to be a part of such a programme again.” **Shaun Phijo XI-C**







