

D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL, THANE

SESSION: 2022-23

SCOUT AND GUIDE CAMP

Baden Powell has righteously said “the secret of sound education is to get each pupil to learn himself, instead of instructing him by driving knowledge into him on a stereotyped system”. The purpose of a scout and guide camp is more or less the same. It helps young people develop physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually. It is all about building confidence, self – esteem, learning important life skills and leadership skills, team building, education and fun! Scouting and Guiding is a Character Building Educational Movement i.e. it is an International movement that changes young mischievous lads into fine men, not just physically but in mind and soul too.

Scouts group is generally for the boys of High school and Guides for the high school girls. Annual scouts and guide camps are held where in students go outside the school and learn to give in a group getting accustomed to the prevailing environment. They learn co-operation, camaraderie , group dynamics , sportsmanship and some life skills to live peacefully in any situation. Camp fires and living in tents add up to their fun.

For the students of DAV Public School, Thane that most looked forward to of events in the school calendar- The Annual Scout And Guide Camp , took place at the Ambavali Village Resort, Wada (Maharashtra) from the 5th of January 2023 to the 17th of January 2023 consecutively for two days each for the 10 divisions of Std-IX divided in different slots.

Highlighting the learning outcomes of the camp i.e to develop student sensibility towards society, to develop leadership, to work in group, to develop student’s physical fitness the camp was a success for this session. It was organized under the guidance of Ms. Sunita Gunde and Mr. Nitin Waghmare (Scouts and Guides Incharges of DAV Public School,Thane). The camp continued for 2 days each for all the divisions of Std-IX in which the students got to learn many ways to cope up with the adverse circumstances and situations. The students were indeed enlightened to learn about different knots, Tent Pitching, First Aid, Pyramids, make stretchers etc.

The activities included Session on Whistle and Hand Signal, Chart Preparation, Cleaning of Tent Area, Session on Knots & Bandage, Street Play on Current Issues, Recreational Games, Camp Fire, Cooking, Food Preparation, Adventure Sports, Shooting, Archery, Swimming and many more. The ‘Prabhat Pheri’ experience was something really new for the students. Marching with slogans early in the morning made them more enthusiastic.

After a hiatus of two years forced by Covid, the camp was a reason for all the students to enjoy and have fun to their fullest. The best part of the camp was the Cultural Night accompanied with Camp Fire, where the students got an opportunity to share their experiences of the camp followed by a DJ Night. Twinkling stars, clear skies, cool breeze and classmates for company - the students had the time of their life. They enjoyed their independence and time away from home as they were kept gainfully engaged with a variety of fun-filled and supervised adventurous activities in these two days. The creative streak and histrionic skills of students was a treat to watch .The scrumptious meals and lip smacking snacks, provided at regular intervals, were thoroughly relished by the children. Overall it was an overwhelming experience which brought the student and teacher community much closer.The students participated in the camp with great zeal, enthusiasm and finally dispersed with happy memories.







