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»»» SUMMER CAMP 1

The first camp was organized for higher secondary and college-going students of the Shevaroyan Hills from 23rd April to 29th April 2023.

The seven-day camp was a new experience for all the 65 student participants who benefited from this camp. Basic English with life values through lots of games and activities were taught during the camp. The camp ended with the cultural programme in English.



»»» SUMMER CAMP 2

The second seven-day camp started on the 1st of May and ended on the 7th of May 2023. It was specially organized for high and middle school students. It was similar in nature to the first camp. There were altogether 183 children who participated in the camp. The kids learned English skills and values through activities and games.

They also staged two hours of cultural programme in English. Thus, it became a memorable camp for most of the students.



»»» SUMMER CAMP 3

The third was a special camp. It was a football coaching camp for boys from 11 to 17 years of age. It was organized for 10 days. Mr Batsha, the National referee and coach was invited as a special trainee. He was assisted by Master Ashwin and Bro. Edwin. A total of 67 students benefited from this football camp. They learned the skills along with international FIFA laws and regulations.



»»» SUMMER CAMP 4

The fourth camp was a week-long summer camp. It was organized for 104 boys and girls. Set amidst nature's embrace, the camp offered a diverse range of activities that promoted curiosity and fostered new friendships. Each day was a treasure trove of exploration and learning where the campers grew in confidence, resilience, and an appreciation for the wonders of the world around them.



>>> INAUGURATION OF SOLA TRIBAL CHILDREN HOSTEL (SOTCHO)

The Sola Tribal Children Hostel (SOTCHO) continues to help and provides opportunities in this academic year as well. The inauguration ceremony of Sotcho Hostel of the Retreat Don Bosco was held on 18th June 2023 at 2.30 pm. The ceremony was held under the leadership of Fr. Arul Maran SDB, the Rector of the Retreat Don Bosco, Yercaud. Fifty students with their parents attended the inauguration ceremony.

Fr. Rector explained the positive influence, the Salesian presence in Yercaud made in the hearts of the young. Fr. Selvakumar SDB, the director of the hostel, explained the rules of the hostel. The students and their parents are thankful to the institution of the quality of service it offers to the students.



>>> EDUCATE A STUDENT MEET

The Salesian Community of the Retreat Don Bosco offers education scholarships to the poor and deserving students in Shevaroy Hills of Yercaud. The annual 'Educated a student' meeting was held on 18th June 2023 in the Retreat Don Bosco auditorium under the leadership of Fr. Maran, the Rector of the Retreat Don Bosco. There are 40 students who are part of this scheme.

Fr. Selva Kumar SDB, the youth director and coordinator of the programme, addressed the students. He encouraged the beneficiaries to perform well in their academic activities and remain grateful to the benefactors.

We believe such meetings strengthen the bond between them and the Retreat Don Bosco to make them future collaborators for similar schemes.



>>> PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

The personality development session was conducted to help individuals enhance their personal growth. This event was organized at Don Bosco Retreat Yercaud to provide students with practical insights and techniques for personal development. Hundred and thirty students participated in this programme and were animated by Dr. Priya. The event aimed to equip the participants with the necessary tools and knowledge to make decisions about their career paths as adults. Dr Priya emphasized the importance of self-awareness, and understanding Personal Interests and Skills. The students participated in the event with full enthusiasm and vigour.



>>> CAREER GUIDANCE

The session on Career Guidance was conducted to help individuals expand their knowledge about job opportunities in a sportive manner. The event was organized to provide practical insights and techniques to have a better future. Mr Antony, the HM of Government primary school - Piliyur, empowered the Hundred and Thirty students through this programme and encouraged them to reflect on their interests, passions, and skills to identify their career paths.

The participants actively engaged themselves in discussions, asking questions, and sharing their experiences throughout the session.



>>> MR. JACOB EXPERIENCE

During my 20-day internship at SPS, I had the incredible opportunity to work on the "Educate a student" project and Sola Illam, under the guidance of Fr. Selvakumar. It was a truly enriching experience, as I was given a great deal of freedom and autonomy to contribute to these meaningful initiatives. Fr. Selvakumar proved to be an exceptional mentor, always available to provide guidance, support, and valuable insights.



Working on the "Educate a Student" project allowed me to witness the transformative power of education first-hand. I was involved in various aspects of the project, such as collecting the details of students and studying their financial situation. It was inspiring to witness the positive impact we were making in the lives of underprivileged students, and I felt a sense of fulfillment knowing that I was part of something larger than myself.

Similarly, my involvement in Sola Illam, a program aimed at providing shelter and support to Poor children, was an eye-opening experience. I had the opportunity to actively engage with individuals in need, assisting in their daily routines and providing emotional support. The guidance of Fr. Selva Kumar was instrumental in navigating the challenges of this work, and his constant encouragement fostered an environment of compassion and understanding.

Overall, my internship at SPS was a truly rewarding experience, thanks to the freedom I had to contribute to important projects like "Educate a Student" and Sola Illam, and the unwavering support provided by Fr. Selvakumar. I leave this internship with a deepened understanding of the power of education and the importance of social initiatives, as well as a profound sense of gratitude for the opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

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