

Planet Harmony
29th May, 2017 to 7th June, 2017
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Monday, 29th May, 2017

My camp journey began this day, it was a very special day as my buddy Pooja Jain had to come to meet me from Chattisgarh, the buddy is a term which Planet harmony team uses for a friend they have assigned for me from another state and who is going to stay with me through the camp. At 8:00 pm I went Reena Ma'm and my brother to pick her up. There at the airport, I met more participants from Delhi who were waiting for their friends, the other students were from Modern School, Barakhamba Road, Pathways World School, etc. Nobody has met their buddies so all were nervous and anxious as to whether they will like our homes, whether they will like the food, room, and what if they are uncomfortable.

But it vanished when I saw Pooja, she is from Raipur, was small and had spectacles, she studies in class s12 in medical stream and is very studious.

When I saw her I immediately recognised her and hugged her out of happiness, Then we started for home.

When she reached my home, my mother hugged her out of joy and we had dinner, she did not eat much though.

30th May, 2017

On Tuesday, while I got up at 8 in the morning, I realised she got up at 4 'o' clock and had started to study, this was really surprising. After we ate breakfast, we came to school, after meeting Koshi ma'm, Jacob sir and other staff members, Reena mam took her around the school and Pooja was introduced to Saurabh bhaiyya (Saurabh Bhusal, Class 11) who was also with us for Planet Harmony. I then took her to the nearby market from where we had all sorts of street food and returned home.

31st May, 2017

We got up to at 4 o'clock to board the train to Rishikesh which was our camp sight, we reached the station through metro, but Pooja was not with me in the same compartment, she was with her Raipur friends while me and Saurabh bhaiyya were with the Delhi team, the journey was boring but after reaching we had loads of fun. We reached Rishikesh and from there we boarded a bus to camp sight. After 2 hours of bus journey, once we reached, we were headed to the conference hall for lunch and later we were given instructions we there met the planet harmony team, Bajaj sir, Ranjana ma'm, Rohit sir and Archana ma'm. Our buddies were there in the camp with us, we are given instructions about rafting which we did on the first day. Raju sir guided us about the same.

Soon we went to the camp to change our cloths and we gathered at the main gate. We were all put into groups, in my group, there were 7 people, me, Aryan (Delhi), Nausheen ma'm (Kashmir), Prajna (Delhi), Angelia (Manipur), Saurabh (Delhi) and Pitambri (Chattisgarh).

We all rafted together and coordinated well, we faced all the rapids well, when we were in the middle of the river, our instructor Raju sir told us to hold on to the rope at the side of raft and jump into the water. I was surprised and scared, but I did as instructed and jumped, it was much fun though the first few seconds were difficult, but i soon got settled in water. we did this thrice and reached the banks after it was done, we boarded the bus and I spoke to more people. on reaching after a break time to get ready, we all gathered in the hall and were assigned pairs through Lottery system. My partner was Pawan Jaini from Scindia School, Gurgaon, he was in class 11 and had opted for non-medical, we did some games to gather. After dinner we all went to our respective camps, I was very tired and I slept early.

1st June, 2017

We were again assembled in the garden after few activities in the morning, we went to have breakfast and thereafter some leaders were chosen, I was happy to be one of them, later the others were given the choice to choose their leaders and be in their team. I realised nobody was coming to my team and I thought my socialisation skills were very poor, later Aryan from Delhi who

was also in the rafting team joined me and he said, *"dont worry I am with you"*. he said , *"I have done rafting with her and I found her very cheerful"*. After that many joined my team. The task was a treasure hunt, there were 19 clues and though we located the treasure we could not win.

2nd June, 2017

That day again we woke up early and left for trekking, the streaking lasted for hours but we enjoyed a lot that day. It was the main task that day and took almost the entire day.

3rd June, 2017

the task for the day was river crossing, after dividing into teams, we were instructed to step on only three points an Deven if our finger touched the floor we had to do it again, people were also blind folded whom we had to escort, it was again a lot fun, I was also blind folded.

Later that day, we were told to discuss some projects which we would be doing in the community near us. This had to be related to social issues or generating awareness regarding something.

Reena ma'm had helped Saurabh Bhaiyya and me in the same. We had decided on Urban Farming, it was to be taken up by the community service group in IAYP and since I would be pursuing Silver Award I would also be a part of it.

The model we developed had to include the community and it was meant to bring different sections of the community. The theme was urban faring was different and fitted well because when we did the survey with Reena ma'm in Mohammadpur and Hanuman Basti, people themselves suggested unused park to be used as a simple farm and it had several groups who would come to gather for the purpose. After an evening of discussions, he will

4th June, 2017

We cleaned the nearby are like picked up garbage, and swept. Later that day, we played different games such as tower building, sentence completion games and other games which were meant for enhancing team building and leadership skills. In the afternoon we also did zip lining , though I had done this before I was doing for the first time in River Ganga, and there was big difference.

5th June, 2017

After breakfast we were to present our projects and we presented our model, though some of the planet Harmony team was worried how we would do it, we were confident as we had done the requisite community visit for that. On that evening we had the cultural fest where everybody sang or danced, even I sang some Bollywood songs and it was fun.

6th June, 2017

We boarded our train to return to Delhi and we by now had made very good friends with a lot of them, it was so much fun and felt bad that it came to an end. Though I was happy to get back home. We reached home late as the train reached late.

7th June, 2017

On the last ay of the trip, we visited the Indigo Office, "IFly" in Gurgaon, where we met the chairman Mr. Rahul Bhatia, he met us all and congratulated us for the successful completion of the trip. After lunch we went to the vice president's office, Hamid Ansari sir, it was a proud moment for all of us. He listened to all of us as we explained our project. Sir said he liked our project and later we proceeded for some snacks arranged for us. From there we departed for our homes, we dropped Pooja to the airport.

Learnings

I had a great experience, each day was surprising and exciting, I only went for fun but there were many learnings for me. I learnt many leadership skills. I am thankful to my school to giving me this opportunity and the best part is a friend for lifetime, Pooja.

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