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## STUDENT CAMPING AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SCALP)

### Introduction

Students are our future and when guided properly, they become excellent leaders. NALS hopes to trigger concepts of leadership and teamwork in children. This can lead to improved self confidence, personality, sense of achievement and therefore improved self esteem. The program will also set off a positive outlook towards fitness and health. A wonderful learning experience through adventure.

### Key Information

- Duration : 07 days / 06 nights
- Location : Coonoor, TN
- Age Group : 08 ~ 17 years
- Intensity : \* \* (Low)
- Batch Size : 20 ~ 40

### Program Highlights

- Personality development through courage and confidence building activities
- Leadership and survival skill development
- Physical fitness and mental toughness
- Total trek distance will be about 38 kms
- Maximum trek distance on any day < 16 kms
- Altitude varies between 1700 ~ 1850 m
- Adventure Activity
  - High Rope Courses / Rappelling
  - Bouldering (Basic Rock Climbing)

### Day by day activity in brief

- Day 1 Departure at 0800 hrs from NALS office, Coimbatore. Participants arrive at NALS Coonoor campus and after reporting / registration, allot accommodation, lunch and prepare for orientation + minor activity. Sightseeing, leisurely interaction with other participants and staff
- Day 2 Morning walk, breakfast, major activity on the rocks + lunch, minor activity after tea, knot practice, group discussions, early dinner, Night trek
- Day 3 Morning walk, breakfast, major activity – team activity - group tasks and discussions.
- Day 4 Morning exercises, visit tribal village & viewpoint – this is an initiative for students to understand the need for an inclusive society.
- Day 5 Morning exercises, breakfast, Survival training – self cooking, self care and cleaning

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- Day 6 Rappelling after breakfast, Post lunch - Valley Trek about 7 kms– trek through tea estate & forest boundaries
- Day 7 Breakfast, Leadership games + Group Tasks, Lunch, de-briefing and discussions, certificate distribution, packing up and departure at about 15000 hrs. Arrive at about 1800 hrs in Coimbatore

## Program Alteration

It must be borne in mind that the program schedule can be changed due to practical compulsions like safety, availability of water, comfort and well being of participants. Further, mountain weather / road conditions are unpredictable and can lead to disruption or even cancellation of the program or some of the objectives of the program.

## Food and Beverages

The participant is assured of a simple Vegetarian diet that is highly nutritious and prepared with very high standards of hygiene and cleanliness. The menu is so designed to keep the participant properly hydrated and loaded with sufficient calories to meet the physical tasks.

## Fitness and Skill requirements

Participant is required to have basic fitness and endurance to accomplish the tasks / activities in the program. This means that he/she must be able to walk 8 ~ 10 kms, ascend moderate gradients. It is opined that any average person who exercises 30 minutes every day will have basic fitness. However, it is advised that participants exercise themselves rigorously for 2~3 months prior to arriving at the campsite.

## Package Cost

Cost per participant INR (Rs.) 15,950 inclusive of GST

## Scope & Inclusions

Package is ex-Cbe and includes:

- Vegetarian Meals and Refreshments (Tea / Juice)
- Shared accommodation in Dormitory (5 ~ 6 persons per dormitory room)
- Experienced instructors and resource persons + certified equipment
- Transport to and from NALS campus. (ex- Cbe, R.S.Puram)
- GST

## Exclusions

- Travel & Medical insurance
- Transit in Coimbatore

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## Important info for parents:

1. While we appreciate the anxiety and angst towards your child attending this program, calls to the campus for general enquiry and repeated requests to speak to your child are STRICTLY not allowed. In our experience, this distracts the trainers from their main focus of running the program safely. Further, modern day children get weak when the parent, sometimes, becomes emotional on the phone. This also upsets other children in a cyclical process. We hope you will understand..! We also do not encourage your visit to the campus during the program.
2. As a policy NALS does not rate or rank children. Neither do we give a “performance report” as this requires that the children be compared with each other. It is our belief that each child is unique and comparing them in the outdoors during this short span of period is doing injustice to them. Some parents, in the past, have insisted on a performance report of their ward much to our chagrin. We hope you will understand that this is not possible.
3. For children who may become weak or sick, NALS adopts a wait and watch policy for 24 hrs and we manage the situation with the best of our abilities that may also include a visit to the local hospital. Parents will be informed by telephone in case of a hospital visit. If the situation cannot be managed by NALS, we may request the parent to collect the child from our campus.
4. Parents should assure themselves that their children are toilet trained fully as this is an area where NALS cannot help much other than guiding a child to clean himself properly. It would be inappropriate for our staff to handle the child inside a bathroom.
5. NALS may take efforts to update status on the camp through SMS or Whatsapp. This is subject to availability of cell range / data roaming. As we are far in the outdoors, this always remains a challenge. Some parents have demanded, in the past, immediate response, after not seeing their child's photo in the whatsapp message. Please relax.
6. **Kindly appreciate that there is an element of risk due to COVID....! Please do not send your child if he or she carries any symptoms.**

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## General Terms and Conditions

### PAYMENT TERMS

1. Payment Mode:
  - a. Direct Deposit, Wire transfer, NEFT / RTGS / Draft or Multi city cheque payable at Coimbatore
  - b. NALS Bank account details:
    - i. A/c No. 32586375634 / State Bank of India, RS Puram Branch, Coimbatore – 641002, India
    - ii. IFSC : SBIN0003061
    - iii. SWIFT Code (for overseas transfers) : SBININBB451 (or) SBININBB294
2. Currency for payment is Indian Rupee / refund, if any, in Indian currency.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

If participant leaves or cancels the program for any reason, the following charges will apply:

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| 1. | More than 30 days prior to commencement of program | Rs. 1500 |
| 2. | 15-30 days prior to commencement of program        | 20%      |
| 3. | 8-14 days prior to commencement of program         | 50%      |
| 4. | Less than 8 days to commencement of program        | 100%     |

Very rarely, NALS may be forced to cancel a program due to force majeure (inclement weather, unsafe terrain, or any natural calamity). Also, third party actions (cancellation of transport like trains and buses, riots etc) may lead to sudden disruption of program or even cancellation. In such circumstances, NALS will not be obliged to make any refund. In case, your booking includes flight, hotels and / or transfers, cancellation charges will be higher depending on the air carrier and other service providers and this may vary from time to time.

### PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOUR AND DISCIPLINE

NALS will expel any participant who exhibits behaviour that is unsafe, indecent and distracts the mission of the program. Consumption or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs and substances, theft or misuse of property, intentional damage to NALS property, harassment of fellow participants are examples of behaviours that lead to expulsion. No refund will be paid in case of expulsion. Also, if the participant chooses to leave the program, for whatever reason, no refund will be paid.

### RISK AWARENESS

Trekking, Mountaineering and any outdoor activity carry serious risks and hazards due to various factors. Trekking in higher altitudes requires high fitness and endurance levels and participants must make themselves aware of their physical and mental limits. As part of the program design, the participant may be required to be away from roads and hence specialized medical attention may not be available. Please consult your physician if you have heart disease, blood pressure or other ailments that may affect your condition in the outdoors.

Some of the wild animals in this area are: Indian Gaur, Bears, Boars, Deer and foxes. In case you sight some of them, kindly do not rush towards the animal for a photo opportunity. Neither are you advised to call other participants for the sighting. Please enjoy the sight silently and quietly. Animals rarely attack humans and they do so only when they are alarmed and under threat.

All adult participants are required to sign a risk declaration as part of the registration process. In case of minor participants, parental consent and signature are mandatory for participation in our programs.

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