

BEAS KUND ADVENTURE TRIP

For Bronze, Silver & Gold Aspirants

12 MAY 2022 - 19 MAY 2022

Adventures are for experience and the Beas Kund Trek has given a wonderful experience for life.

The journey began on 12th May, 2022 after lunch and came to an end on 20th May, 2022 with a group of Super 30 students and four teacher escorts, Ms Bhagwanti Gupta (Trip Coordinator), Mr Salil Gupta, Mr Dhirgpal Sajwan and Ms Meera Chettri. The IAYP Aspirants were from classes IX to XII who ventured their first daring adventure trip under IAYP. It took 16 hours for travelling to Solang valley which was the first destination and the first Base Camp where all rested till lunch. First day was utilised for acclimatization (nature and altitude) and the students went for 2.5 km trek. They also visited the Anjani temple and Shivling. The evening was cherished with hot fritters followed by a sumptuous dinner and bonfire with music.

On 14 May 2022, the day began at 5:30 am, wherein tea was served at 6:00 am followed by nature walk. Post breakfast the students packed up their backpack and headed for adventure activities such as Rappelling, River crossing and Zip lining. Being the first time experience all the IAYP Aspirants ventured for the adventure activities and were overwhelmed with joy. The evening was cherished by DJ night, bonfire and a sumptuous meal.

On 15 May 2022 at 8:00 a.m. the trek journey to Palchani Thach began which was the second camp. IAYP Aspirants packed their backpack and rucksack (with necessities) and left after breakfast. After a toilsome trekking for 3 hours they reached at a height of 10,200 m and were served a welcome drink followed by lunch. It was a complete nature and wilderness zone. The Aspirants were taken for a walk for around 1 km after lunch wherein they collected fire wood for night bonfire. The evening was amazing as the students divided up in teams and played Rapid fire along the teachers, followed by dinner, stories and special green tea prepared on bonfire by Mr Dhirgpal. Physical exertion could not take a toll over the enthusiastic spirit of students. They were gagged with energy till they entered their sleeping bags for the night sleep.

16 May 2022 was a day full of hard work, adventure, snow, learning and good time. It was the day of the MISSION- ADVENTURE. The students started the trek for Beas Kund along with their teachers and trekking guides. It was a tough task to complete the 16 km round way trek. The slope was steep interrupted by rills. There were narrow ridges to be walked on and huge boulders (human size) to be climbed over to reach the aspired destination. Students did get streaks of fear, but overcame it soon and proceeded for the venture. Midway they saw avalanche prone area and how mountain troops save themselves in survival night zones. The sight of beautiful Hathi Ghoda Peak and Seven Sister's Dhola Dhar Range awed all. With a short pause for lunch, the team gathered all courage and proceeded for the final 3.5 km trek to Beas Kund. On reaching Beas Kund Glacier the students had the best of the time. **They held the school and IAYP flag with pride and sense of achievement.** The real sense of enjoyment came when all started playing in snow. They slid and slipped several times on the snow bed of Beas Kund. It was fortunate of the team to experience snowfall also, though it made the return journey little more challenging. However, they started the returning trek through Bakartach and reached Palchani Thach camp by 6:30pm. Later, they warmed themselves by having hot tea and Maggie.

Next morning, (17 May 2022) everybody had breakfast and tea and packed all their belongings and reached back Solang's Base camp. The evening was adventurous with activities like Giant Swing, Rocket Bungee Jump and Treasure Hunt. The Treasure hunt activity was amazing as the students were divided into four groups and each group had to find Maggie in the jungle, collect firewood and prepare Maggie on their own and serve themselves, guides and teachers. It was a great learning. The dinner was concluded with Dance around the Bonfire.



On 18 May 2022, IAYP Aspirants were taken for paragliding which was followed by special lunch of pizza & pasta. The students were enthralled with the paragliding experience and all got the moments captured in the form of videos. Post lunch, students were taken to Hidimba Temple. Finally, they were left in groups at Mall Road for shopping. By 8 pm, the students checked in to a hotel, enjoyed the night with DJ music and Dance

On 19 May 2022 as scheduled, IAYP Aspirants were taken for River rafting after breakfast. The rafting was done at Kullu. It was for more than 7 kms across the river. Finally, students relished some regional fruits of Himachal. Post lunch the return journey of 16 hours was accomplished and all reached school on 20.05.22 by morning 9 a.m. All were greeted happily at the infirmary with breakfast.

The adventure trip concluded on a happy note **# We are World Ready** with a plethora of learning and all returned safe and sound.

FEEDBACK & LEARNING

FROM IAYP BEAS KUND TREK

Experiences like this taught real life learning of how to adjust oneself in severe conditions where we have limited water, food and living facilities. This IAYP Project helped me gain self-confidence, boost new skills into me and build good relations with our teachers who supported and guided us throughout. It was a great experience about knowing life in mountains.

- **AVNOOR SINGH - XII**

Our school organised an IAYP Adventure Camp to Himachal Pradesh for IAYP's Bronze, Silver & Gold Aspirants from Grade 9th to 12th. We started our journey on May 12th. At 2.30 p.m, the bus, fully packed with students and teachers headed for Kullu and Manali. The students were very excited to reach the destination. All of us kept singing songs, dancing, and eating in the bus till we reached the venue. We reached Kullu and Manali by May 13 in the morning. At a distance of around 13-20 kms, we reached Solang Valley. Starting from there, we arrived at our Base Camps where we stayed in our respective tents. On May 14, we did a lot of Adventure activities including rappelling, Zip Lining, visited a temple and enjoyed the view of Waterfall. On May 15, we started from our base camp and reached our next destination- Dhundhi which was at the height of 10,200 feet. After entering there, we were served the welcome drinks. May 16, DAY 1 of our trek. In the evening, we all went up to collect the woods for Bonfire at night. We enjoyed Bonfire at night while sharing our conversation and talking to each other. May 17, it was DAY 2 of our trek. We started from Dhundhi and reached Beas Kund which was at a height of 12,700 feet approx. It was the best day of trekking as we later enjoyed the view of snow mountains, played with snow and had a lot of fun. After returning back to Dhundhi in the evening, we enjoyed rides such as - The Giant Swing and The Bungee Rocket and enjoyed Bonfire at night then took rest. May 18, it was DAY 3 of the trek, returning back to our base camp which was being missed terribly. We danced and sang at night and enjoyed. May 19, it was the day for our more adventure activities namely Paragliding and River Rafting. We experienced such activities and reached Manali. In Manali, we visited Hadimba Temple and later travelled through The Manali Mall Road, where we were given 3 hours to shop. It was an amazing time. Then at night we had to reach to our Hotel- The Himachal Inn. The next event was DJ Night. All students danced on the floor with great energy. Even the teachers couldn't resist the luring temperature of the dance floor. After dance, we all had dinner and slept. The next day was returning back to Hisar. The buses entered the school campus in the morning. The parents took their children later from the school. Everybody had a huge smile on their face. We all enjoyed a great time at trip. I experienced an amazing journey which is unforgettable. This IAYP CAMP will always be remembered. I personally had a great time with teachers and other seniors. And, ofcourse I'm waiting to go on another trip like this one!

ADITRY BANSAL

This trip was really adventurous and fruitful. We climbed the mountains which was really fun and the view was the real beauty of nature. Adventure activities were really fun. We had a lot of fun and more trips like this should be organised. Learning -We had learnt how to survive in mountains. When travelling we should carry less weight with us. We learnt teamwork and got to know more about our team members and our teachers. It was really fun and adventurous trip.

Manreet Kaur

The trip began with a long bus journey and ended with the same. It was full of adventure, fun, laughter, new experiences, getting to know people around better, and enjoying nature. Camping in places where torches became lifesavers and sleeping bags were the cosiest place. The trekking experience was ethereal, felt like it was one thing everyone should experience in a lifetime. The Beas Kund was one of the most pleasing places I've ever been to. So calm and soulful. Other adventure activities were also very fun.

LEARNING:

The trip taught me to adapt to new places and climate change. It also gave me a lesson of how to survive with the least of things and in the most vulnerable situations.

NISHTHA JAIN

Adventure helps us to feel better on the inside and outside, while providing us with tons of new experiences.

We the group of 30 students along with 4 teachers went to IAYP trekking camp to Solang Valley - Manali. The journey started on May 12, 2022 after lunch at VDJS itself. The first two days were simple but exciting at the same time. We did lots of Adventurous activities like Zip lining, river crossing, rambling, etc and each day ended sitting together having fun around the bon fire. NOW comes the day when the actual adventure started, that was May 15, 2022 when we started our trek to Dhundi where we did service by cleaning the place in the evening. May 16, 2022 was a day full of excitements, adventures, fun and a lot more as on this day we trekked to Beas Kund from Dhundi and came back to Dhundi the very same day. It was a tiring day but a day that can never be forgotten in our lives. The next day we returned back to Solang and did more fun activities. May 18, 2022 was a leisure and fun day where we visited the famous Hidimba temple and spent some quality time on Mall road, Manali. Next day, that was May 19, we bid adieu to the valleys of Solang - Manali and returned to VDJS. The teachers became our mentors, guides and friends at the same time during this entire trip. This trip has given me a lifetime experience and memories that I will cherish forever.

Shreya Bharti - XII S

A trip organised by the IAYP team after two years of pandemic. We all really enjoyed it and did it with firmness and vivacity. From staying in tents in sleeping bags to trekking on rocks, barren roads and most paramount things SNOW! We learned to calmly walk on slippery slopes of mountains, be it big rocks or ways. Learn to adjust to an environment with fewer things, co-operating with fellow mates, and encourage everyone.

Rest enjoyed, enjoyed and enjoyed and danced!!

Devika - XII S