

TEAMWORK MAKES THE ULTIMATE DREAM WORK

On the 15th and 16th of March, the SJIS Prefect Camp 2016 was held at the Radiant Retreats, Campsite B.



The entire prefectorial board attended this teambuilding exercise. A group of 30 prefects was accompanied by Dr. Inderjeet, Mr. Anjum, Ms. Pooja and Ms. Lina.

There were three main learning objectives to this event: team leadership, wilderness skills

and team bonding.

To develop great team leadership, the prefects learnt and developed the traits of great leaders and effective teams, and gained practical lessons in good leadership.



Throughout the camp, they learnt useful survival skills which included building shelter, fire-making, bamboo cooking and night orienteering with a compass. These skills would be incredibly useful if the prefects were to ever be thrust into the wilderness of confusion.



As for team bonding, the prefects learnt to cultivate a spirit of cooperativeness, trust and camaraderie amongst the prefectorial body.

On the 15th of March, the group departed at 8.30 am and reached the campsite at 10.00 am. For the first hour and a half, there was briefing and divided into 5 groups. Then, the arduous challenges began.

The first challenge was an obstacle race. After the exhausting race, the group devoured their lunch and then headed to Sungai Temperuh for a trek.

After the trek, they had a small snack and then continued on with challenge two and three, which put their wilderness skills to the test. After three hours of developing their survival skills, they washed up and got ready for dinner.



From 8 pm to 9 pm, Session one: “Leading Teams”, commenced. This was a special session organised by the workers from Radiant Retreats.

After the session, the prefects took part in challenge four, which was torchlight orienteering. They had to use torchlights and compasses for this activity in complete darkness.

When the challenge was over, the group got together by the campfire and had sumptuous barbequed hotdogs.

On day two, the group got up early for breakfast and briefing. At 8.00am, they headed to the Hulu Tampit Waterfall for a hike. There, challenge five awaited: river fishing. During this challenge, the prefects learnt how to fish using long sticks, bread, fishing lines and hooks.

Once they successfully learnt how to fish, they had lunch. Session two: “Traits of Good Leaders” took up the next hour on their schedule. The students discussed what they had learnt from the camp, and then listened to another speech given by the workers from Radiant Retreats.

Next on their schedule was challenge six: The Paintball War Games. This last challenge was filled with fun and teamwork spirit. After this exhausting, three-hour-long challenge, the group had a light snack.

Like all good things, the camp retreat had to come to an end. When the group finished their tea, they reluctantly gathered their camping gear and other things. It was time to bid farewell to the warm, hospitable workers from Radiant Retreats, and a feeling of nostalgia overcame all as they busied themselves for the final departure.

In the end, the prefects came back armed with knowledge, skills and a special feeling of team spirit, leadership skills, a sense of responsibility and most important, a rekindling of a special bond among themselves.



“Coming together is a beginning, Keeping together is progress, and Working together is success.”

~Henry Ford~