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## From Kelambakkam to Yelagiri

A rush of adrenaline and a load of excitement was evident in our Billabongers as they boarded the bus embarking on an adventurous trip to Yelagiri. The 5th to 8th graders were thrilled to voyage into Yelagiri where they could spend time with one another and experience the beauty of the hill station that is known to be adorned with roses and orchards. The journey towards this much-awaited destination started at 7:30 am on 10th Jan 2020 as the children assembled with their trolleys and luggage along with their parents on the school campus. Our chairperson Mr. Yasir Nainar urged the children to make memories during the trip which they could cherish throughout their lifetime. They gathered around to say the school prayer and sought the blessings of the Almighty for a safe journey. They then boarded the bus and bid adieu to their parents happily as they cheered their way into a trip like never before.



The bus journey was indeed a highlight of the trip. The students had come prepared with games that they played along the way. They were seen indulging themselves in dance battles, antakshari, guess the runner, sing along, and many more. They were also found sharing goodies and treats as they munched on muffins, biscuits, chocolates, and chips while talking to each other. The travel up the hill was indeed fun as the bus had to make 14 hairpin turns to reach the top. The way towards the top was an enamoring view to watch as it felt like being in an airplane taking off.



After reaching the resort the children freshened up and had a luscious spread of delicacies that they savoured and enjoyed. Following this, they took off to Fundra Park where they got the chance to pet rabbits, ponies, ostriches and a wide range of exotic birds. It was fun to watch a flock of birds perched on the children's heads, shoulders and hands. They then got to experience a 7D movie which made them scream with excitement as it had tickled all their senses.





The next stop was the natural wonder – the Yelagiri Lake. The students laden with life jackets set sail on their boats and witnessed the beauty of nature. Cruising along the lake they discussed how the vegetation in Yelagiri indeed was vast and serene.

After their boating session, the children went on to play together in the park near the lake. They were seen swishing down the slide, swirling on the merry-go-round, going up and down the see-saw and playing tag.



Following this, the children started their journey to their next stop- Fundra fish park where they got to witness different biomes and various species of fish that inhabit the biomes. They even got a chance to feed the fish with their hands. It was a sight to watch the fish rushing to devour the feed from their fists. The night concluded with a campfire in the resort where the children along with their teachers danced, sang and had a gala time.



The next day the children were up and ready by 5:30 am for trekking. Following a warm-up session, the children set out trekking for 4 km. Climbing the hills they witnessed the beautiful sun sneak up from behind the hills and rise to glory. On their way down the hill, the children were encouraged to pick up litter to ensure trash doesn't spoil the tranquil and treasure of Yelagiri.



After their breakfast, the children set out to the most awaited destination – The Adventure Park. They went zip-lining, adventure climbing, water zorbing, elastic blasting and many more. Happiness and a sense of achievement was seen in their faces as they conquered their fear and participated in all the adventure sports. After a scrumptious lunch, they went on to try out archery, paintball shooting and had fun in the balloon house.





To commemorate their first stay away from family, the children went on a shopping spree in the Yelagiri market and bought some goodies for their family. That was a finishing touch to the long journey studded with memories of travelling with friends and teachers.

*Field trips are important to help bridge the gap between education and experiencing something hands-on. My friends and I were incredibly excited when the school announced that we were going to Yelagiri on a field trip.*

*The much-awaited day finally arrived and we, a group of 16 students boarded the bus at 7:30 am. During the journey, we had fun listening to music and dancing on the bus. We stopped for breakfast on the way and reached Yelagiri at 11:00 am. Once we reached the resort of our stay, we were asked to get ready for lunch. After lunch we were taken to Fundra Park. There were many amazing birds and animals to see. We especially enjoyed petting puppies and rabbits, and also feeding the birds.*

*Our excitement grew more when we were taken to watch a 7D adventure movie! The experience was fun and scary at the same time because everything there was moving. After the movie we went to the lake for some boating, which was nice.*

*Back at the resort, we sat around a campfire in the evening, had coffee, danced and finally had dinner. The food at the resort was amazing! The next day we went trekking and made a new friend. A dog named Thambi accompanied us on the trek, along with a pup named Vicky. We had so much fun on this trip and I will never forget it.*

*-Saurav (Grade 6)*





*We started at 7:30 in the morning from school on a Friday. We had breakfast on the way and reached Yelagiri at lunch time. The lunch served to us was mutton biriyani with a side of fish fry and chicken fry which I absolutely loved!*

*After lunch, we were taken to a place which showcased a variety of fishes. It was a truly scintillating experience. At night, we sat around a campfire and then went to bed.*

*On Saturday morning we went trekking, during which most of my friends fell down. Thank goodness I didn't! Following the trek, we were given some ropes and we learnt to make knots. We then spent our time playing games which were totally fun! The only downside was that I couldn't experience bungee jumping since I was underweight for it.*

*Looking back, I had the best trip ever with my friends and teachers. I will certainly cherish this memory.*

*Aryan (Grade 6)*

*The day of my field trip had finally arrived and I was eager to visit a beautiful place called Yelagiri. My feelings were a mixture of excitement and curiosity.*

*On the bus, we passed time dancing and playing games for 5 hours. We finally reached the resort of our stay. Surprisingly, we saw so many dogs there and we even managed to make friends with one named Alpha!*

*On the first day, we were taken to a park named Fundra. We had lots of fun looking at the birds and animals there. Some of the birds were even placed on our arms. We then returned to the resort to have lunch. Post lunch, we went boating and played more games. After that we went to an aquarium and saw different varieties of fishes.*

*At the end of the day, we went back to the resort and made a campfire outside. Even our four-legged friend, Alpha joined us. We danced around the campfire and had lots of fun. We then ended the day with a good dinner.*

*We arose early on the second day at 5:30 am to go trekking. We put on our thickest jackets and went on our way. The weather was freezing cold and we were all shivering. But the beautiful view from the hill made it all worth it. We then set out to the resort to pack our bags for the return journey home. On the way home, we made a stop at an adventure park where we indulged in activities like water zorbing, high ropes, swinging and jumping in the bouncy castle! We had so much fun that we did not want to go back home. But we eventually reached home with good memories to cherish.*

*Aashni (Grade 6)*

