

32nd Annual All India NATURE STUDY CUM ADVENTURE CAMP 2023

For the Challenged Children and Youth (Age 5 to 25 yrs.)
(Visually, Orthopaedically, Cerebral Palsy, Hearing Impaired, I. D. and other Disabilities)

At : Kharkhola Forest Village, Kalimpong Forest Div. • Dist. Kalimpong, WB
From : December 18th to 23rd, 2023



Organised by

**Himalayan Nature &
Adventure Foundation (HNAF)**

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Exploring Nature in a spirit of adventure not only provides a welcome break from the hectic schedule of everyday life bringing a whiff of fresh air and plethora of life lessons, but also initiates the young minds to the exciting opportunities of being in the wild and rediscovering the wonderful gifts of Mother Nature. In the past couple of centuries the harmony in the natural world has been disrupted in the name of developments and it is the need of the hour to review the impact of the raucous man has caused.

In tandem with the movements all the world over to restore this harmony and to slow down the irreversible changes it is imperative to introduce the youngsters to the world of Nature. The differently abled children, the kids with special needs have a strong urge to find this lost connection with Nature.

HNAF, one of the pioneers in the field of promoting awareness regarding environment conservation through adventure sports and related activities, has been organizing Nature Study and Adventure Camp for Specially abled Children and Youth for the last three decades (along with different environmental and adventure activities). It is open to Special abled boys and girls from 7 to 25 yrs across the country.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMP

The Camp aims at helping these Children and Youth go beyond their limitations and rediscover their strengths to find confidence and self esteem and contribute wholesomely to the development of their personality. During the camping days they learn to find the beauty and resources of nature, identify the localized flora and fauna, learn to bond with others and work in a team. The spirit of adventure instills in them a new purpose and meaning of life. According to their individual need and capacity they learn to camp craft, hike and jungle trek. Most importantly they have immense opportunities to learn about local inhabitants, their customs and cultures and eventually learn to be more inclusive and open in their approach and better equipped to face the challenges of life. Certificates of merit, badge and performance reports are awarded to each successful Camper.

CAMP LOCATION

Kharkhola Forest Village, under Samsing Range, Kalimpong Forest Division, Dist. Kalimpong, West Bengal Camp Site is situated 72 km from Siliguri.

This camp site offers unique lush green forest rich with medicinal plants, flora & fauna and ideal place for Nature Study / Adventure Camping. This area also offers beautiful villages with view of two mighty rivers. (See Map)



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Any boy or girl with disability between 5 to 25 years of age can participate. The intending participant and escort must register their names submitting the duly filled application form along with one copy passport sized photograph and camp Registration Fee. During the camp days transport, accommodation, food, training cost & other incidental expenditure will be borne by HNAF.

OUTSTATION PARTICIPANTS

Participants will reach Siliguri/ NJP Station/ New Mal Junction on 18th Dec. by 8 am. HNAF will arrange necessary transport for the participants from Siliguri/ New Mal to the campsite. Team will return on 23rd Dec. 2023 by 3 pm. Kolkata participants can avail Kanchankanya Exp. from Sealdah to New Mal Jn. & vice-versa on 17th & 23rd Dec. respectively.

Special arrangement can be made for participants from outside Siliguri for overnight stay at Siliguri on 17.12.23 & 23.12.23 night at their own expenses on prior intimation.

EACH PARTICIPANT MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES

OTHER MATERIALS: Gamcha/Towel, Tooth Brush and Paste, Cold Cream, Pen with Refill, Small Note Book, Torch with Battery, Colour Pencil, Water Colour Set, Cotton Rope 2mtr.(8mm) & Art Paper (to be provided by HNAF).

UTENSILS: Enamel / Steel Lunch Plate or Messtin, Mug, Spoon, Water Bottle.

Note :Name and address should be affixed on luggage. Campers should not bring valuable articles or money .

BEDDING: Polysheet (2mts. long) for Ground Sheet or Sataranchi. Two Blankets or one Sleeping Bag, Coloured Bedsheet, Airpillow.

CLOTHING: One / Two pairs of Cotton Trouser / Churider (for girls), two Cotton Shirts, Under Garments, one Pullover and Half-Sleeve Sweater, Windproof Jackets or Windcheater, Sunhat (to be provided by HNAF), Balaclava or Muffler, Woolen Socks, Cotton / Nylon Socks, Outdoor Shoes i.e. Cades / Hunter / Jungle Boot or Sneaker, Sleeper (for indoor use).

OPTIONAL ARTICLES: Camera, Binocular, Musical Instruments can be brought at own risk.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: Medical assistance will be readily available throughout the Camping days.

If any camper is taking regular medicine, he/she must bring adequate personal medicine and prescription of the doctor and inform the camp guide in-charge before joining camp.

While every possible care is taken to ensure safety of the campers. The organizers cannot be held responsible for any accident, illness or such other unforeseen eventualities.



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ABOUT HNAF

Established in 1990, Himalayan Nature And Adventure Foundation, popularly acronym HNAF, is a pioneering registered voluntary Non Government Organization, operating from Siliguri, West Bengal. Over more than last three decades HNAF has been pursuing the goal of promoting environmental awareness through adventure sports, preserving the bio diversity of one of the most distinct parts of the country in terms of geo ethnic identity, conducting survey and study on Avifauna, Ichthyofauna and other wild life. HNAF plays a leading role in spearheading environmental movements to sensitize the children and the youngsters. HNAF organizes various types of Nature Study camps for students of this region, particularly for the differently abled children. HNAF is a one of its kind organization to successfully conduct an All India Nature Study cum Adventure Camp for the challenged youngsters for the last 33 years.

Led by a dedicated team HNAF has carved a niche for itself by serving the humanity in distress. During exigencies and natural calamities, even during the recent Pandemic HNAF has always been rock solid in its support to the society at large. Every reckless act of damaging the environment and affecting wildlife has always been severely indicted by HNAF.



ROUTE MAP OF CAMP SITE



CAMP SITE DISTANCE : 72 KM FROM SILIGURI

*“Challenged Children & Youth with all of us in the world
In the spirit of Adventure Let’s join hands to green and fresh the world”*