# 38<sup>th</sup> Children NATURE STUDY CUM ADVENTURE CAMP 2023

For Boys and Girls (Age 5 to 15 yrs.)

At: Kharkhola Forest Village, Kalimpong Forest Div. • Dist. Kalimpong, WB From: December 25th to 30th, 2023



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#### 38th CHILDREN NATURE STUDY CUM ADVENTURE CAMP - 2023

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.

The urban children & youth hardly find any scope to communicate with nature. The "concrete jungle" kills spirit. Earlier man was in direct contact with nature. Love for nature is something genetic. But pollution, ecological imbalance etc. have become the threats, perhaps because man has become isolated from the nature.

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. HNAF, one of the pioneers in the field of promoting awareness through adventure sports and related activities, has been organizing Annual Nature Study and Adventure Camp for Children and youth for the last three decades (along with different environmental activities). It is open to boys and girls from 5-15 years of age.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMP**

The Camp aims at helping these Children 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. They will 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 Campers.

#### **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 flora & fauna and ideal place for Nature Study / Adventure Camping. This area also offers beautiful villages with view of two mighty rivers. (See Map)

#### **CAMP DURATION**

25th Dec. to 30th Dec. 2023 (5 Nights 6 Days).

The team will start from Siliguri, Kanchenjungha Stadium Gate No. 11 on 25.12.23 at 7.30 am. The team will return on 30.12.23 by 2.00 pm.

Last date of application: 5th December 2023







#### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

Any boy or girl between 5 yrs to below 15 yrs of age can participate. The intending participant must register his/her name by duly filled application form along with one copy passport sized photograph and a camp Registration Fees Rs. 4,800/- per head. During camp days all necessary expenditure i.e. food, transport, training cost & other incidental expenditure will be borne by HNAF. (Camper above 12 yrs age must submit photo copy of previous camps certificate and performance report).

#### EACH PARTICIPANT MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES

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

**CLOTHING:** One/Two pairs of Cotton Trouser/Churider, two Cotton Shirts, Under Garments, one Pullover and half Sleeve Sweater, Wind proof Jackets/Windcheater, Sunhat, Balaclava/Muffler, Woolen Socks, Cotton/Nylon Socks. Outdoor Shoe i.e. Cades/Hunter/Jungle Boot or Sneaker, indoor Sleeper, sunhat (to be provided by HNAF).

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

**OTHER MATERIALS:** Gamcha/Towel, Tooth Brush and Paste, Cold Cream, Pen with Refill, Small Note Book, Torch with Battery, 3mtr. (8mm) Cotton Rope, Colour Pencil.

**CAMPER ABOVE 12 YEARS MUST ALSO BRING THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:** Poly sheet (9ft x 12ft)- 1pc, (Except Transparent, Black & White Colour) Jute sutly 10mtrs, Rope (Nylon Sutly) 10mtrs, Knife-1pc, Saucepan/Dekchi with lid 3lt.-1pc, Old news paper-5pcs.

**OPTIONAL ARTICLES:** Camera, Binocular, Musical instruments can be brought at own risk. *Note:* Name and Address should be affixed on luggage. Valuable articles or Money, Mobile should not be brought.

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:** Medical assistant 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 or camp in-charge before joining camp. While every possible care is taken to ensure safety of the campers by keeping adequate medical aids in readiness at the camp, the organizers cannot be held responsible for any accident, illness or such other unforseen eventualities.









For More Details Contact

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### haf 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 31 years.

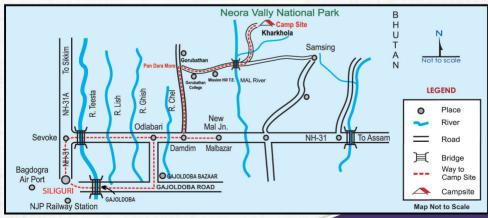
Led by a dedicated team HNAF has carved a niche for itself by serving the humanity in distress. During exigencies and natural calamities, even during the recent Pandemic HNAF has always been rock solid in its support to the society at large. Every reckless act of damaging the environment and affecting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







#### **ROUTE MAP OF CAMP SITE**



CAMP SITE DISTANCE: 72 KM FROM SILIGURI

Lets join hands to Green and Fresh the World in the Spirit of Adventure