**Summer Camp 2012**

**Introduction**

“If I want to know the future of India I would not look at the stars and gamut of the sky, I would look at the eyes of our children. If their eyes are filled with joy and happy I am sure that India would have a future. If their eyes are filled with sorrow and despair I am sure there would be no future for India” –

Jawaharlal Nehru.

By keeping Nehru’s words in mind we arranged a three days camp at our Tata Loyola Community College Tuition Center. We kept in mind the importance of this camp which would make the students to be happy at the same time learn new things through activities.

**Day: 1**

**04.05.2012**

**Inaugural Function**

The Inaugural Program started with prayer song sung by college staff. The Guests lit the “Kuthu Vilaku”, followed by that welcome address was given by Miss.Saranya, Tutor,TLCC Tuition Center. Mr.B.C.Kumar (General Manager- Vivanta by Taj, Fisherman’s Cove, Kovalam), Rev.Dr.John Pragasam S.j., (Dean- Loyola Engineering College, Chennai) Miss.Janani (Assist Hr Manager- Vivanta by Taj, Fisherman’s Cove, Kovalam) Rev.Dr.G.Joseph Antony Samy S.j. (Director, Tata Loyola Community College) were the guests.
Key Note Address and Felicitations

Rev.Dr.G.Joseph Antony Samy S.J. delivered the keynote address. The essence of the talk was to explain the importance of the camp and to ask the children to participate in it with interest. He also added that by attending such a camp would develop the overall personalities of the children.

Mr.B.C.Kumar outlined the role of Tata Loyola Community College in giving better chances to the children to expose their skills through such a camp.

Rev.Dr.John Pragasam S.j., talked about the importance of science and blessed the camp.

Session: 1 Necessity of Science today

Resource Person for the session: Mr.Balagurunathan (Government school teacher from Neyveli)

Resource person started the session with self introduction and making all the children introduce themselves. After that he performed scientific experiments before the audience.

- By using plastic tumblers and thread he explained the science behind telephone
- By using straw and scissors he explained the musical notes
- By using funnel and table tennis ball he explained one of the atmospheric pressure activity

At last he sang a science awareness song “Aruviyal Parapuvom Aruviyal Parapuvom” to induce science fervor.
Session: 2

Mr. Balagurunathan continued this session. He started this session with group activity to energize the students as it was an afternoon session. After that he sang a song “Ethanale Ethanale” to make them ask questions in science.

Then he corroborated the relation between science and magic through simple activities. Finally he held a discussion with children to get their doubts cleared.

Day: 2
05.05.2012

Session: 3 Understanding the Society

Resource Person for this Session: Mr. J. Krishnamoorthy (Headmaster, Allamballam Government Higher Secondary School, Pondicherry)

Resource Person started his session with a song “Innum Thayakame Indre Thodunguvom”. Through this song he emphasized the importance of education and the role of children in the society.

Then he moved on to group reading and storytelling. He formed 8 groups and gave story books to each group. The groups read the book and discussed it. One representative from each group came in front and elaborated the story on their style. In the end resource person explained the social background of each stories and captivated them.
Session: 4 Behind the Black Board

Resource Person for this Session: Mr. Sritaran (Teacher, Annai Sivagami Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Pondicherry)

He too started his session with a song “Engal Thesam Indiya Desam”. This song is about patriotism and religious harmony.

He presented a power point description about origin of universe. This presentation talked about history of universe which is not usually shown in the text book. After that he had a question session.

Next he moved on the group activities. He formed 8 groups gave them the pictures of national leaders. He told them to discuss it and make points and present it before the groups. After the presentation by the groups, the resource person gave additional information about those leaders. At last they had feedback session and the day was wound up.

DAY-3
06.05.2012

Session: 5 Self Analyses

Resource Person for the session: Mr. Amudhamathiyalagan (Director, Life Skills Corporation, Chennai)

He started the day with outdoor games like Balloon game and ring game to encourage the
students to participate in the session. Next he played some clippings which show the performance of differently abled person. This made the children to analyze themselves in which position they were. Then he motivated them by saying that all had defects, if one worried about it nothing could be achieved. He concentrated positive aspects of men.

**Session: 6 Communication Skills**

Resource Person for the session: Mr. Jegaserpian (Chief Additional Engineer, BHEL, Ranipet)

To assess the communication skill of the students he carried out an activity. First he asked the participants to be in a circle and then audio was played. Then straws were given to them. By keenly observing the audio the participants had to tap the straw as if a musical instrument were given. By this mean he assessed the eye-ear-hand coordination. Finally he outlined the importance of coordination of our body in making effective communication.

**Session: 7 Self – Confidence**

Resource Person for the session: Mr. Muhil (Senior Manager- Hr, BHEL, Ranipet)

He started his session with game to refresh the students. Then he practiced two songs “Nam Velluvom Nam Velluvom” and “Kalam Nam Kaiyul Thane”. The students rehearsed it. Finally he made the students sing the song fully. He explained that by singing the song one could get self- confidence through which one could develop his personality.
Session: 8 Relaxation Techniques

Resource Person for the session: Miss.Lakshmi (Manager- Hr, JKM Motors, Chennai)

She taught yoga to the students to keep their mind and body at ease.

Valedictory Function

The Valedictory function started with welcome dance by our students. Then Ms.Muthulakshmi, Tutor, TLCC Tuition Center welcomed all. The guests Rev.Dr.ArockiyasamyS.j, (Deputy Principal- Loyola College, Chennai) Prof.Kaviyarasu (HOD- Department of Outreach Loyola College, Chennai) and the resource persons decorated the stage with their presence.

The students sang the song (Nam Velluvom) which was practiced at the same day, before the guest and audience. Rev.Dr.ArockiyasamyS.j, gave the keynote address. He talked about the 12th five year plan’s fiscal allotment for child development. He said that we were making the dream of the government come true with the help from Tata Institutions.
Mr. Muhil thanked the college for choosing him as a resource person and also thanked the college administration for arranging a successful camp. He completed his speech with a song (Akkaki Akkaki).

Prizes and participation certificates were distributed to the students by the guest. Finally Mr. Arunkannan, Principal- Tata Loyola Community College gave vote of thanks

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