



Magic Bus Centre

For Learning & Development, Karjat.



October 8th to October 10th, 2017

Highlights

Day 01 - October 8th

- An invigorating day, a welcome break
- New activities, New Pathways

The Magic Bus Saga

Magic Bus is a unique organization that strives to bring about behavioral changes in people through sports.

The story began 18 years ago when Mathew Stacy used to play Rugby at the Bombay Gymkhana. Under-privileged children from the neighboring Dharavi region often gathered around the ground, curious about the game. This is when Matthew Spacie along with some

of his friends decided to teach Rugby to these children. Over the next few months significant behavioral changes were observed in the children. Delinquency decreased in the community and this inspired him to lay the foundation of Magic Bus to cultivate leadership skills amongst these kids. This organization is now 22 states and is the first Indian NGO to carve itself a niche in countries such as London and Singapore. Excitement

Teamwork is the Stepping Stone to Success

Stepping stones was an activity that that involved not only brawn, but also brain. The goal was simple: to reach from one end of an intricate layout of tiles to the other without touching the ground. It required a lot of planning and creativity. The only aid given was a set of three planks of the same size.

The activity required concentration, careful planning of strategies and highly accurate execution. The students started off in full swing, with all the members ignoring basic communication and planning which led to complete chaos. The team failed multiple times and made

several futile attempts until the facilitators got the team together and made them realize all the gray areas. After the discussion, the team finally found a solution to what seemed like an unachievable task. They realized the importance of mutual communication, and maintaining order in the face of chaos. The students were also taught the importance of taking responsibility for their actions and that pinning the blame on others would never lead to a resolution of the problems.

The Low Rope Course

The hurdles of the Low Rope Course primarily comprised of thick braided ropes and tyres. The participants were required to balance on ropes, swinging tyres and wooden logs. They could not use any physical support to balance themselves but only had the mental satisfaction that their teammates were constantly beside them to aid them.

The endeavors of the organizers to formulate life enriching experiences into

strenuous yet enjoyable activities were truly a marvel. Maneuvering through the obstacle course not only gave the students confidence but also helped them imbibe important characteristics of leadership and teamwork. They learnt that empathy and sympathy were integral features for binding individuals together to work as a team. It was an overwhelming experience for all students. This was definitely a great way to mark the beginning of the Magic Bus experience.

He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander - Aristotle



Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail



Night Drums

I am dotted silver threads
dropped from heaven
By the gods.
Nature then takes me, to adorn
Her fields and valleys. -
Khalil Gibran

The students engaged themselves in creating melodious thunder amidst the rain clad evening. The students innovated a variety of drum beats that synchronized with the thunder. This activity was a befitting end to a very lively day.



Rappelling

The thought of rappelling filled the students with excitement as they pictured rocky walls and breathtaking vistas. During the activity the students climbed down from a 20 foot wall with a strong nylon harness around their waist and thighs to keep them safe.

The students waited their turns and were talked through the procedure and protocol, they flitted between feelings of apprehension and excitement. When at the top of the structure the students had to let

themselves lean backwards at 90 degree and then rappel backwards - which was more fun than they originally anticipated.

Rappelling was not just an adventure activity but a learning experience. With complete motivation from their friends and faith in the experts, this adventurous sport was successfully accomplished.



Rock Climbing

Analyzing the twenty-five foot wall that they had to climb for the activity, the students were initially apprehensive. The air was suddenly charged with excitement. As the first volunteer bravely scaled the steep wall, the rest of the participants cheered him on with lively enthusiasm. Pretty soon, the students were beyond themselves with anticipation to take on the challenge. The students enjoyed themselves thoroughly and even sought to have a second chance at the wall.

A lively discourse about the activity, highlighted the deeper meaning of the task performed. The participants were then made to realize how this simple philosophy of controlling their actions and emotions could aid them in their lives. An interesting feature of this activity was that no participant was pressurized into doing anything that was beyond the challenges they set for themselves. Therefore, in conclusion, the students unanimously agreed that the activity taught them important lessons.



Our Experiential Training Coaches



Student Speak



"The first the day started with us learning about the two main parts of personal leadership followed by two activities which taught us how to control our emotions"

Meghna Rai, XI A

"Effective communication is the key to get things in place. Very interactive sessions to make us great leaders."

Vaishnavi Prasad, XI B

"It was a mesmerizing experience. Not only did I push my limits and do better than my expectations but I embraced danger."

Anshul Vardhan, XI A

"Honestly I have never experienced something like this. The exposure and comfort this place radiates just can't be put in words."

Tanish Bafna XI C

"Today was an amazing experience we learned leadership and communication skills which will surely help us in the long run. The instructors were very cooperative and helpful."

Drishika Butani, XI C

"Today's experience was very nice and it will surely help me in my life we learned to take responsibility of ourselves in a group"

Harshita Jain, XI C

"The food is super-delicious and the trainers are extremely friendly. The best part is the wonderful football ground. "

Jeet Sethi, XI B

"It truly was a very different and interesting experience! The different activities we engaged in taught us lessons which were unique."

Aniruddha Walke, XI D

"Learning about personal leadership was really enlightening. The instructors were very interactive and helpful. I am enjoying the trip a lot!"

Medha, XI C

"Today's experience was really inspiring and we learnt how to coordinate effectively."

Manali Dixit, XI C

"The experience this Camp has offered has been truly enriching . It has made me self-aware and has enhanced my leadership skills."

Himanshu Singh, XI A

"Hearing from my seniors about this great initiative still can't match up to the experience that I have had in just one day. I am anxiously looking forward to the next two days."

Rohan Phatale, XI C



Student Speak

"The instructors taught us great leadership skills which I am sure will help me the future. Thank-you so much to our school for such a lovely Camp"

Milita Bhattar, XI C

"It is an amazing experience and I have learnt a lot about personal leadership. Thanks to the instructors for being so patient."

Prabhkirat Bhatti, XI C

"This Camp gives us a break from our mundane schedules and missing our coaching classes for this event is totally worth it!"

Suryaansh Jaiswal, XI A

"From laughter to food to the journey, everything has been a wonderful learning experience which will I never forget."

Akshar Katariya, XI B

"It has been a magical experience which is truly out of my comfort zone. However every moment was cherishable."

Pari Satarkar, XI A

"The extremely high hopes that I had about this camp were not let down at all, I can hardly wait to see what the next two days have in store. I am extremely grateful for this chance to learn about myself." **Navya Gupta, XI B**

"This was a novel experience for me. I got what I expected and I am looking forward for more interesting experiences."

Raechel Gangale, XI D

"I walked the granny walk on a thin rope with a bamboo in hand and wobbly legs successfully. Never thought I could."

Sejal Gandhi, XI C

"I wish I had my notepad and pen - there is so much to write and so little time! It's so beautiful out here especially after the rain."

J. Harshvardhan, XI A

"Ms. Hitaisi, Mr. Nachiket, Mr. Sanij, Mr. Arvind, Ms. Sujata and all our trainers. - Thank you for the awesome experience."

Shrudeep Suresh, XI C

"To the future eleventh graders – just like a garden can't be called so without flowers, similarly our school life will be incomplete without Magic Bus."

Tanisha Dhupdale, XI B

"It has been a great experience on Day One. We learnt many new life skills through exciting activities. The Magic Bus Camp is truly a memorable one."

Akshatha Swamy, XI D



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If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.



I can conquer the world with one hand...as long as a good leader is holding the other!



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If you never challenge yourself, you will never realize what you will become