

SUMMER CAMP




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A Journey of Joy and Growth:

Summer Camp for the Children of Migrant Workers

In the spirit of compassion and community, Don Bosco Migrant Services orchestrated a vibrant and transformative three-day summer camp for the often unseen and unheard children of migrant workers. Held in the sunlit surroundings of Kavarapettai and the brick chamber regions of Thiruvallur and nearby Chennai, the camp brought together 820 children—young souls from humble backgrounds, including brick kiln workers, the poor, the marginalized, and the ostracized. These children, originally from the districts of Balangir, Nuapada, Boudh, Kalahandi, and other parts of Odisha, had migrated with their families in search of livelihood. Amidst their daily struggles, the summer camp became a sanctuary of joy, learning, and belonging.

Under the passionate guidance of Fr. Simolin Ferk (Director) and the tireless commitment of Brs. Sathish and James Lourdu, the organizing team poured their hearts into creating an unforgettable experience. Supported by nine night school teachers, brick chamber educators, and a host of dedicated volunteers, the camp was a vibrant mosaic of care and creativity.

From the very first day, the air buzzed with energy. Though the team faced initial challenges—particularly in overcoming language and cultural barriers—they rose above them with grace and

innovation. The children were welcomed into a world of action songs, Basic English lessons, interactive competitions, and lively party games, all designed to encourage participation and expression. Every activity was paired with delightful snacks and refreshments, turning each break into a moment of joy and bonding. Through thoughtfully crafted group activities, the children discovered not only new skills but also new friendships. The atmosphere was charged with laughter, cheer, and a deep sense of togetherness.

What was truly heartening was the increasing number of children who joined each day, drawn by the joy radiating from the camp. This surge was a clear sign of the trust built and WW the impact created in such a short span of time. For many of these children, the camp was more than just a break from routine—it was a window to a world of encouragement, dignity, and hope.

This summer camp was not just an event—it was a movement of love and solidarity, a living example of how collective effort can light up lives. In these three unforgettable days, Don Bosco Migrant Services rekindled the dreams of hundreds of children, reminding us all that even in the harshest of environments, the seeds of joy, unity, and potential can bloom brightly when nurtured with care.



CORE MISSION

To cultivate a sense of self-worth, leadership abilities, and value-oriented learning among the children of migrant brick kiln workers, thereby supporting their overall growth and development through meaningful participation in the summer camp.



EXTENDED PURPOSE



● Learning Advancement

To introduce and strengthen basic academic knowledge and skills, fostering an interest in learning through structured yet engaging educational sessions.



● Communication Enhancement

To enhance interpersonal abilities including communication, teamwork, and leadership through group activities, competitions, and collaborative learning experiences.



● Fun & Wellness Activities

To provide a relaxed and enjoyable setting where children can freely participate in fun-filled activities such as games and action songs, promoting joy and emotional well-being.



● Heritage Awareness

To encourage appreciation and expression of cultural identity by engaging children in creative activities such as dance, drawing, and music, thereby strengthening their connection to their heritage.



● Collective Engagement

To create an inclusive environment that nurtures unity, belongingness, and mutual respect, enabling children to experience the strength and support of being part of a collective community.





Time Table of the Camp

DAY 1 INTRODUCTION, TEAM FORMATION, AND CORE ACTIVITIES

9.00 AM	—	Arrival, Registration, Prayer Song,
9.30 AM	—	Inauguration & Group Formation
9.30 AM	—	Icebreaker Games and
10.00 AM	—	Action Songs
10.00AM	—	Party Games – Frog
10.30 AM	—	Race & Duck Walk
10.30 AM	—	Refreshment Break
10.45 AM	—	Basic English & Health & Hy-
11.15 AM	—	giene Awareness (with songs)
11.15 AM	—	Teaching of Moral Values
11.45 AM	—	through Storytelling & Songs
11.45 AM	—	Instructions, Snacks
12.00 PM	—	Distribution & Wind-up

DAY 2 CREATIVITY, SKILL BUILDING, AND COLLABORATION

9.00 AM	—	Prayer Song, Recap of
9.30 AM	—	Day 1
9.30 AM	—	Drawing and Singing Compe-
10.00 AM	—	titions
10.00AM	—	Treasure Hunt Activity
10.30 AM	—	(Team-based)
10.30 AM	—	Break and Refreshments
10.45 AM	—	Good Manners and Personal
11.15 AM	—	Hygiene Teaching
11.15 AM	—	English Vocabulary – Body
11.45 AM	—	Parts & Animals
11.45 AM	—	Action Songs, Prize Distribution,
12.00 PM	—	Wind-up

DAY 3 CELEBRATION OF TALENT AND RECOGNITION

9.00 AM	—	Arrival, Attendance,
9.30 AM	—	Warm-Up Songs
9.30 AM	—	Revision of Songs & Teachings
10.00 AM	—	Dance Competition &
10.00AM	—	Cultural Showcase
10.30 AM	—	Break and Refreshments
10.30 AM	—	Basic English Test
10.45 AM	—	Party Games & Fire Camp
11.15 AM	—	Summary
11.15 AM	—	Prize & T-shirt Distribution,
11.45 AM	—	Farewell, and Group Photo
12.00 PM	—	



The primary aim of the three days summer camp was to create a joyful, engaging, and empowering environment for the children of migrant brick kiln workers—nurturing their talents, building confidence, and promoting holistic development. The camp sought to make the students not only happy and active, but also to discover and celebrate their unique gifts and abilities through a wide range of thoughtfully designed activities.

Throughout all the three camps, students enthusiastically participated in a variety of competitions such as singing, drawing, dancing, cooking, different chases, and the exciting treasure hunt, each aimed at sparking creativity, encouraging teamwork, and boosting their self-esteem. These events provided a platform for the children to shine, many of whom had never had the chance to showcase their talents before.

In addition to competitions, campers were kept engaged with daily activities that combined fun, learning, and community building—including action songs, group and individual party games, soft skill sessions, and Basic English educational enrichment. These moments not only entertained but also helped to develop essential life skills such as communication, collaboration, and leadership.

The camp concluded on a high note with the distribution of prizes and recognition for winners, filling hearts with pride and joy. More importantly, every child walked away with cherished memories, newfound friendships, and a stronger sense of self-worth and belonging.



Annotation

To provide participants with a meaningful learning experience that promotes teamwork, leadership, discipline, creativity, and personal growth through engaging activities and community interaction.





**SUMMER CAMP [DON BOSCO
MIGRANT SERVICES] ACHIEVEMENTS
OF THE OBJECTIVES.**



LEARNING ADVANCEMENT



Educational enrichment refers to activities and programs that improve a student's learning experience beyond the regular classroom lessons. It helps students gain deeper knowledge, develop important life skills, and discover their talents and interests. Educational enrichment plays a major role in the overall development of students by making learning more interesting, practical, and enjoyable. Enrichment activities include reading books, participating in debates, quizzes, science exhibitions, educational trips, cultural programs, sports, music, dance, and art competitions. These activities encourage students to think creatively and critically.

Annotation



"The camp's educational component fostered intellectual growth, language skills, and personal development through engaging and well-rounded activities."

COMMUNICATION ENHANCEMENT



Social abilities development refers to the process of improving a person's skills in interacting and communicating effectively with others. These abilities are essential for building healthy relationships, working in teams, and becoming responsible members of society. Social skills begin to develop from early childhood and continue throughout life through learning and experience. Social abilities include communication, cooperation, empathy, listening, sharing, leadership, and problem-solving. A person with good social skills can express thoughts clearly, understand the feelings of others.



Annotation

"The summer camp effectively nurtured social skills, teamwork, and moral values through interactive activities and collaborative learning experiences."





FUN & WELLNESS ACTIVITIES



Recreational activities are activities that people do for enjoyment, relaxation, and refreshment during their free time. These activities are important for maintaining physical health, mental well-being, and social happiness. Recreational activities help people reduce stress, improve their mood, and develop a balanced lifestyle. People of all ages participate in recreational activities according to their interests and abilities. There are many types of recreational activities such as sports, games, music, dance, painting, gardening, reading, traveling, and outdoor adventures.

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HERITAGE AWARENESS



Cultural exposure refers to the experience of learning about and interacting with different cultures, traditions, languages, beliefs, and lifestyles. It helps individuals understand the diversity of the world and develop respect for people from different backgrounds. Cultural exposure is an important part of personal growth because it broadens knowledge, improves social understanding, and encourages unity among people. People gain cultural exposure through travel, education, festivals, books, music, movies, food, and communication with individuals from different communities and countries. Schools and colleges often organize cultural programs, exhibitions, exchange programs, and celebrations of traditional festivals to help students learn better.



Annotation

"The summer camp nurtured creativity and strengthened cultural identity by encouraging artistic expression and celebrating regional traditions."





COLLECTIVE ENGAGEMENT



Community building is the process of bringing people together to create strong, supportive, and cooperative relationships within a society. It involves encouraging individuals to work together for common goals, support one another, and improve the quality of life in their community. Community building is important because it promotes unity, social responsibility, and a sense of belonging among people. A strong community is built on trust, respect, cooperation, and communication. People in a community share ideas, solve problems together, and help each other during difficult times. Community building activities include social gatherings, cultural programs, volunteer work, awareness campaigns, sports events, and neighborhood improvement projects.

Annotation



"The summer camp fostered a strong sense of unity, inclusion, and belonging through shared experiences, teamwork, and meaningful community engagement."

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



With a strong commitment to the welfare and holistic development of children from migrant communities, a structured multi-day camp was organized to provide a supportive and enriching environment. The initiative aimed to address the educational, emotional, and social needs of children who often face instability due to migration. The programme brought together a large number of children from economically and socially vulnerable backgrounds. Many of these children experience limited access to consistent education and safe recreational spaces. The camp therefore served as a platform to promote inclusion, learning, and personal growth in a nurturing setting. Despite initial challenges such as language differences and varied cultural backgrounds, the programme successfully created an atmosphere of participation and acceptance.

CONCLUSION

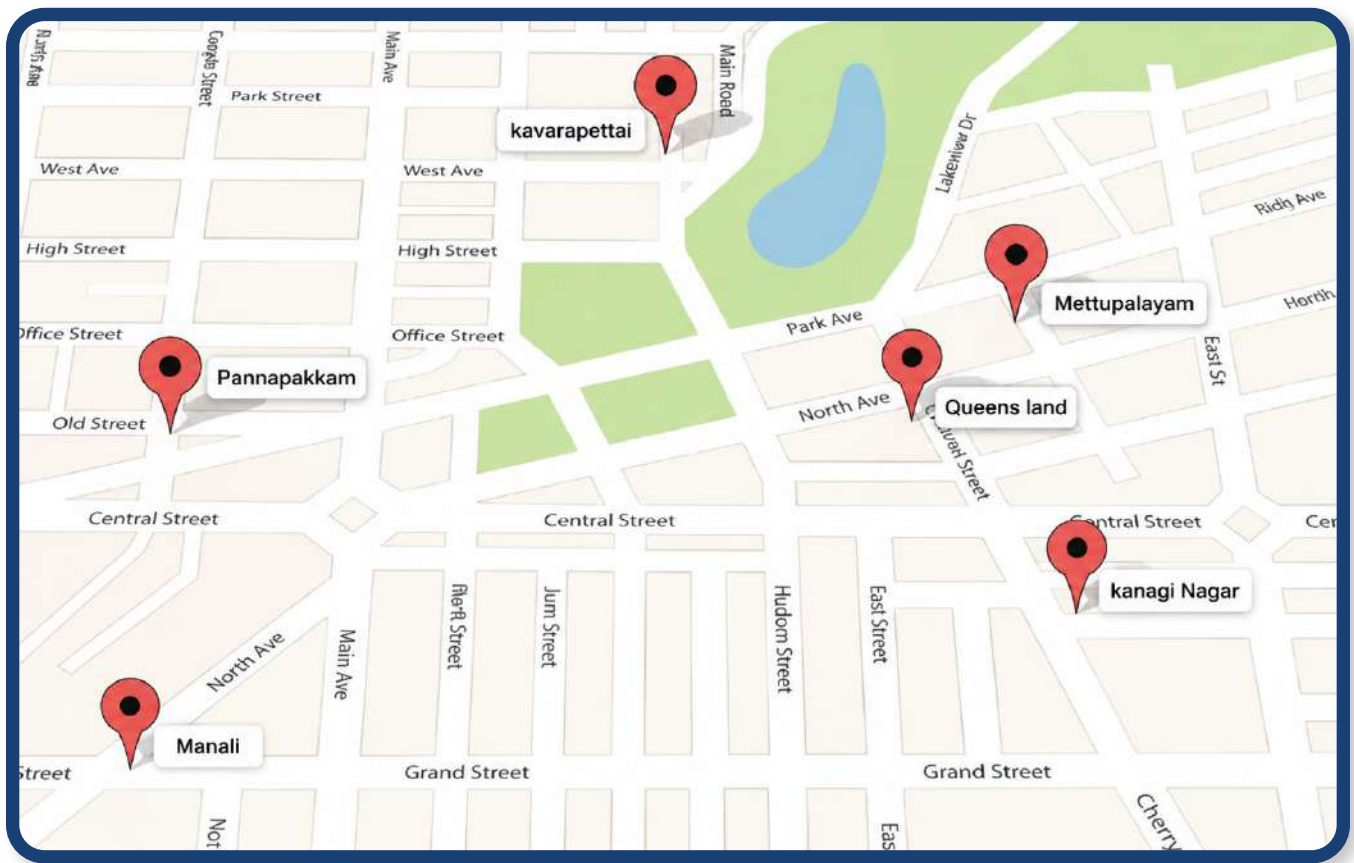


The camp served as a significant step toward promoting the welfare and development of children from migrant backgrounds. By combining education, recreation, and community engagement, the programme created a holistic learning experience that addressed both immediate and long-term needs. Beyond the activities and sessions, the initiative instilled a sense of hope, dignity, and belonging among the participants. It demonstrated that with proper support and guidance, children from marginalized communities can thrive and realize their potential. Overall, the programme stands as an effective model for community-based interventions aimed at improving the quality of life and opportunities for migrant children.



Our picnic to Queensland was one of the happiest and most memorable days of our lives. The place was filled with beautiful greenery, colorful flowers, and fresh cool air that made everyone feel relaxed and joyful. We traveled together with our friends and family, singing songs and sharing snacks along the way. The fun rides, exciting games, and peaceful surroundings made the trip even more special. We clicked many lovely photos, laughed together, and enjoyed delicious food under the bright blue sky. As the sun slowly set, our hearts were full of happiness and unforgettable memories. It was truly a sweet and wonderful





01		April 24th to 26th kavarapettai
02		April 27th to 29th Mettupalayam
03		April 30th to 2nd of May Pannapakkam
04		4th of May to 6th may Manali
05		7 thMay to 9th kanagi Nagar
06		10th May Queens land

DATE & LOCATIONS



SUMMER CAMP PUDHUPETTAI 2026



FUN LEARNING

Enjoy and learn new things every day.



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Explore creativity through exciting activities.



NEW FRIENDS

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BALAKRISHNA & VBM CHAMBER 2026



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