

My First Camp Experience in NCC

The National Cadet corps (NCC) is a voluntary organization engaged in grooming the youth of the country into disciplined and patriotic citizens. They recruited members (cadets) from schools and colleges across the Coimbatore group and are given basic military training in small arms and parades. We were trained by official authorities of Indian army.

To be a NCC cadet is like being unique, hardworking, dedicated, punctual, and most of all, an achiever. It inculcates the attitude of never giving up, makes you optimistic and builds a lot of self-confidence and character. The life as a cadet is one of the best experiences one can ever have as it teaches them life as it is and shows how it is to be an officer in the Indian Armed Forces. NCC, however is a bit underrated when it comes to joining the armed forces. As a matter of fact, NCC cadets live life like an officer without being a part of the premier Indian military training institutes like NDA and IMA.

CATC- Combined Annual Training Camp was conducted by our 5Bengal NCC at Sikkim, Kamrang (Namchi).

I would like to share the beautiful experience of my first NCC camp experience. Each time when I think about it, a sense of immense pleasure and joy fills me up, and I'm proud to be an NCC (National Cadet Corps) cadet of 5BN NCC.

The journey started on June 6, 2022. I was quite nervous and curious about how the camp would go. We reached and were taken to the camp which was held at Sikkim Alpine University, Kamrang; Namchi(Sikkim) It was very cool in the morning with the beautiful rising sun.

We start our journey in the early morning from our place Darjeeling to our camp site. We didn't take so much time to reach our camp destination. We completed all the formalities and entered to our rooms, set our mats and we got a call for to have lunch. From that time our ten day camp was started. We were quite excited for all the experience which we going to get. And the camp seniors will give us the scheduled of the camp, and informed some basic rules and regulations of camp which we have to follow.

Next day early morning we wake up, ready to fall in for morning jugging and exercises and drill. After the morning session we have breakfast and ready for the theory classes. We have to take two to three classes. At 1pm we have our lunch and started our classes again. The theory classes are not normal as like our school and college. There we got map reading, leadership qualities, battle crafts and field crafts, health & hygiene, drill etc



Usually drill is the main part which is focussed on during these camps. Other than that some other activities held during these camps are :-

1. Firing



2. Cultural

3. Obstacle's training

4. Lectures regarding Map Reading



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I had already heard a lot about the camps from seniors, and I had prepared myself for the fact that it was going to be extremely rugged and tough, but an experience which I would always remember and cherish. And I must say, people were darn right about the rugged nature of this camp. From waking up at 5:00 AM to getting ready by 6:15 AM for PT and classes, serving food to junior cadets, putting on the uniform for drill and sweating like I was wearing undried clothes picked off the washing machine, to attending lectures, in the evening, I had almost forgotten the essence of the word "easy".

It teaches me to do what you want Example : passion & every time u don't get the success in what you do but you I'll get the experience to make it correct & not to do again the mistake which you have done it previously. It teaches me the literally NCC has given me a Opportunity to interact people to talk with unknown one & to make friendship or bond between all states, parts of India & it has given me the chance to learn the different festivals, traditions, languages, cultural, etc..

I was happy that the camp went successfully at the same time sad because we lived together like a family all those days and we would part soon. We took many selfies and everyone there, regardless of culture, religion or region they have come from were holding hands together and screaming with joy. It was the moment to say Good Bye! I loved the camp life and I will miss it and the people.

This camp taught me discipline, to accept people the way they are, induced courage and strength, motivated me to do something to motherland and respect her and ultimately it made me a better person. As I return I take a very big suitcase of memories, lessons, new friends and the challenge to develop myself.

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