

A REPORT ON

LOYOLA SUMMER CAMP - 2023

ORGANIZED BY LOYOLA STUDENTS SUPPORT SERVICES

13 APRIL 2023 TO 29 APRIL 2023

Loyola Summer Camp - 2023 was conducted in Loyola College from 13 April, 2023 to 29 April, 2023. It was organized by Loyola Students Support Services (LSSS), LICET and Loyola College Society. 252 students (195 boys and 57 girls) were admitted in the camp and it was inaugurated on 13 April, 2023. The primary objective of the camp is to empower the poor and the oppressed, Dalit students from various districts of Tamil Nadu which belong to Chennai province who had studied Tamil Medium with English classes to develop their communication, Mathematics or aptitude sessions to review the fundamentals for the future endeavors, Life skills to develop their personality and to understand the ethics of life, Folk Arts to teach them various Tamil traditional arts, guest talks and other special sessions. 248 students continued and completed the camp as six students discontinued due to various unavoidable circumstances and disciplinary actions.

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ADMISSION

The process of admission began at 8 AM and went on till 5 PM on 13 April, 2023 at LS Hall, Loyola Campus. Rev. Dr G. Victor Roch, SJ, the Director of the Camp was there to guide process and admit the students. Coordinators, Organizers and all the volunteers were present to finish the process smoothly.



INAUGURATION

The inauguration ceremony was held in LS HALL at 6:30 PM. The dignitaries were welcomed to the stage. Thiru. R.Suthan IAS, Rev. Dr. Jebamalai Iruthayaraj, SJ, Provincial, Rev. Dr. Francis P. Xavier, SJ, Rector, Rev. Dr. Selvanayakam, SJ, Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Soosai Sebastian, SJ, Director of LICET, Rev. Dr. M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob, SJ, Vice-Principal – Infrastructure, Rev. Dr. G. Victor Roch, SJ, Director of LSSS, Dr. Florence Isido, Vice-Principal and Lay Dalit Coordinator, other organizers and volunteers were present to encourage the students. Mr. Rutheesh, Organizing team member did the MC and the prayer song was sung by the Camp Students.



The dignitaries watered the plants to mark the beginning. Dr. Florence Isido delivered the welcome address. Rev. Dr. G. Victor Roch SJ, Director explained the dynamics of the camp. Dr. Kaleeswaran, Coordinator introduced the chief guest. The chief guest and the other dignitaries were honoured and the dignitaries launched the materials of Loyola Summer Camp 2023. Then the chief guest addressed the students. Rev. Fr Provincial delivered the presidential address. Rev. Fr Treasurer and Rev. Fr Director of LICET delivered the felicitation address. They highlighted that the students have to use this camp as a good platform to mould themselves in a better way by liberating themselves from ignorance.

Then two students from the camp shared about their expectations from the camp. Then Ms. Jeeva, Coordinator proposed the vote of thanks. The event came to an end with National Anthem. As soon as the inauguration ceremony got over, students were instructed about the everyday schedule. They were introduced to the rules and regulations of the camp. The coordinators were introduced. Then the students were guided for dinner and later towards the dorms.



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ORIENTATION

After the voice-culture, The Holy mass was conducted by Rev. Dr G. Victor Roch, SJ, Director at 6 AM in LS Hall. Then after breakfast, English diagnostic test was conducted for the students. Then Dr. Kaleeswaran, Art & Literary Coordinator conducted a one day orientation for the students. At 4 PM, the students were divided into six groups namely Altruism, Bravery, Charity, Dedication, Enthusiasm and Fraternity and the mentors for the respective team were introduced. The mentors interacted with their team students and they took them to a campus tour. Then the students were gathered in De Nobili Hall.



DAILY SCHEDULE

VOICE CULTURE

Everyday, students would wake up, fresh up and gather in ground with their respective team members and mentors for voice culture. Scholastics and Priests from Berchmans Illam were there to engage the students everyday along with organizers between 5.30 AM and 6.30 AM.



HOLY MASS

The Holy mass was conducted everyday by the Jesuit Fathers of Loyola Campus from 6.45 AM to 7.15 AM in De Nobili Hall.





NEWSPAPER READING

Everyday after breakfast, students were gathered in De Nobili Hall. Two students read English and Tamil Newspapers for everyone. The students were instructed about the schedule for the day.

ENGLISH & MATHEMATICS/ APTITUDE CLASSES

English class was conducted everyday between 8:45 AM and 10:45 AM. Mathematics/ Aptitude classes were conducted between 11:15 AM and 12:45 PM. Students were introduced to their respective trainers on the first day and they were accompanied by the mentors in the class. Students were divided for Maths and Aptitude based on the course that they studied in class 12.

LIST OF TRAINERS	
ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS & APTITUDE
Ms Kavitha Krishnakumar (Master Trainer)	Dr Mike Dison (Master Trainer)
Mr Ajas	Dr Maria Jesu Raja
Ms Ranjani Gandhi Parimalam	Dr S. Iruthaya Raj
Ms Radhika Sarathkumar	Ms Josphine
Ms Subashini	Ms Joseline
Ms Infanta	Ms Celine Fiona
Mr Anbarasu	Ms Shenbaga Devi
	Dr Geno Kadwin
	Mr Christopher
	Mr Emmanuel

POST LUNCH

Students were divided into two batches with three sections each. One batch attended Folk arts and the other batch attended Personality Development sessions. The next day, the batches interchanged.



FOLK ARTS

Folk Arts training were conducted for the students of Loyola Summer camp in the afternoon between 2 PM and 4 PM. The various folk arts that the students got trained include Parai, Oyil, Karagam, Kazhiyal, Silambam and Puppet. The training was given by Art and Literary students of Loyola College.



PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT:

Personality development sessions were conducted for the students between 2 PM and 4 PM in De Nobili Hall under the coordination of Dr Florence Isido and Dr Irudhayaraj. Various trainers were invited to deliver sessions on various Life skill topics. The session starts with the introduction of the guest and honoring by the organizers and it came to an end with the reviews about the session given by two students. The list is as follows.

Course Module	Contents	Resource Person
Exploring Academic Competencies	Utilizing the opportunity, Multi-tasking, Importance of Extra-curricular, Self-discipline & Care	Chinna Maruthu
Proactive Communication	Power body language, Art of getting things done, Assertive behavior, Writing skills	Dr Irudhayaraj M
Time Management & Problem Solving	Priority matrix, Planning and execution, Effective delegation, Value of time.	Soundarrajan K
Digital And Social Etiquette	Safe surfing, Online resources for growth, Power of social/professional media, Importance if gadget	Olivannan
Cultural Transformation	Individual social responsibility, Attitude of gratitude, Positive engaging, Sharpening the saw	Rani Sakthi Sri
Vital Inputs For Self	SWOT for students, You are a brand, Handling the emotions, Impact of future lead.	D Martin
Listening And Learning Skills	Importance of listening, Perfect learning techniques, Social awareness for grooming, Influential learning	Jamuna Ramajeyam





SPORTS

Students were sent for Sports everyday between 4.30 PM and 5.30 PM. Students enthusiastically played Volleyball, Basketball, Fun Games, Football, Carrom and Chess. Team-wise sport matches were conducted and the winners were declared on the final day.



SPECIAL TALKS

Special talks on various topics were given by invited guests in De Nobili Auditorium between 6 PM and 7 PM on alternate days. The list of resource persons and details are as follows.

Mr. P.K. Saravanan IRS (On UPSC ad ther government exams), Ms. Rajeswari Palani (on Government and Private Scholrships and charities), Mr. Sidhartha (Career Guidance on What next?), Mr. Suntharam (Internet and Youth, online education and facilities), Mr. Ekadesi (Media and formal languages) and Prof. Maria Roy Felix (on Mathematics). On 25April 2023, Students attended a drama that was performed on the life history of Fr. Stan Swamy.



CULTURAL EVENTS

Various cultural events like Poem writing, Essay writing, Group Dance, Singing and Drama were conducted for the students to showcase their talents. Judges like Rap Singer VJ Vijay, Super Singer Yazhini, Loyola Mani and Yaathisai Movie team were invited and the results were declared.



EXCURSION

Students along with the Director, coordinators, organizers and volunteers were taken to Seashore St. Antony's Shrine, Palavakkam and they were taken to Palavakkam beach on 23 April 2023 in the Afternoon by bus. Rosary was conducted in the shrine and it was live-telecasted in Madha TV. The students enjoyed the activities and fun games that were conducted. They were also served with refreshments.



EVERYDAY REVIEW AND GOOD NIGHT TALKS

Students were gathered at 8:30 PM in De Nobili Hall. The recap video of the previous day was played everyday. Then students were encouraged to share their thoughts about the new learning that they gained and review about the camp activities. The day came to an end with Good Night Talk given by Rev. Dr. G. Victor Roch SJ, Rev. Fr. Sebastian Crossian SJ, Ms. Jeeva, Dr. Magesh, Br. Rajesh, Ms. Sharmila (Former camp student) and Mr. Rutheesh taking turns. Review and planning meetings were also conducted among the Director, Coordinators, Organizers and Volunteers. The content for discussion includes What went well, What to improve, What is for tomorrow and any other concerns.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Students were served breakfast between 7:15 AM and 8:00 AM, Lunch between 12:45 PM and 1:45 PM and Dinner between 7 PM and 8 PM in the Jubilee Mess of Loyola Hostel. Refreshments like juice, buttermilk, coffee, tea, chickpea, groundnut, biscuits and vada were served during morning and evening breaks.



ACCOMMODATION

As internal and semester examination were being conducted in the Arts and science campus, the students and volunteers were accommodated in Old LIBA Building and the classes also took place there.

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Students who felt sick were given appropriate care. They were taken to Loyola Health centre, given medicines, Nila Vembu Kashayam, energy drinks under the prescription of the doctor and with the help of Sr. Reesha SCSA and were monitored while taking rest.



SPECIAL MASS

A Special Mass was conducted in the College Church on 28 April 2023 at 5.30 PM for the students of Loyola Summer Camp 2023. Rev. Dr Francis P. Xavier SJ, Rector, Loyola Campus was the main celebrant.

MAXI ACADEMY

The valedictory ceremony and Maxi Academy of Loyola Summer Camp 2023 on the theme Ozone – The Optimum Zone were conducted in the Jubilee Quadrangle, Loyola Campus on 28 April 2023 at 6.30 PM. Thiru. Nandakumar IRS, Rev. Dr Francis P. Xavier SJ, Rector, Rev. Dr B. Jeyaraj SJ, Secretary & Correspondent, Rev. Dr Louie Albert SJ, Director – Loyola Hostel, Rev. Dr M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob SJ, Vice-Principal (Infrastructure), Rev. Dr G. Victor Roch SJ, Director, Dr. Florence Isido, Vice-Principal (Academics & Services), Coordinators, Organizers, Trainers and Volunteers were present to encourage the students. The entire show was conducted by the camp students.

It started with Bharathanaatiyam and English Prayer Song. Watering the plants was led by Dr.R. Kaleeswaran. It was followed by Welcome Address delivered by Mr. Jaison Benedict, our camp student. Camp report was presented digitally by Rev. Dr G. Victor Roch SJ, Director. Then the students presented the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, English Drama, Folk Arts and Declamation as a grand display of what they learnt like vocabulary, pronunciation, voice loudness, clarity of speech and unison of voices.

Then the dignitaries took their seats on stage and they were honoured. Thiru. Nandakumar IRS gave an inspiring address to the students with apt illustrations and motivations. Rev. Dr. M.S. Joseph Antony Jacob SJ, Vice-Principal (Infrastructure) offered his felicitations. Mr. Sathishkumar declared the overall winners of the camp. Rev. Dr G. Victor Roch honoured the trainers, organizers and volunteers who worked tirelessly. Then Ms. S. Jeeva, Coordinator proposed the vote of thanks. The event came to an end with National Anthem. Special Dinner was arranged for the night.



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On 29 April 2023, all the students were gathered in De Nobili hall and they were given and collected feedback sheets. Volunteers presented their feedback and memories. Students were instructed about the application process and how to be in follow up with mentors. They were sent home at 10:30 AM.



Core Committee members:

- Rev. Dr G. Victor Roch SJ – Director
- Dr Florence Isido – Vice Principal & Lay Dalit Coordinator
- Ms. S. Jeeva – Programme Coordinator
- Mr. E. Sathishkumar – Assistant Coordinator (Accommodation In-charge)
- Dr R. Kaleeswaran – Coordinator (Art & Literary & Guest Talks In-charge)
- Dr D. Magesh – Organizer (Mass and Voice Culture In-charge)
- Prof. Mario Cassion Anand – Organizer (Food In-charge)
- Mr. Rutheesh M.N.R. – Organizer (Academics and Volunteers In-charge)
- Mr. Beni Arul – Organizer (Sports In-charge)
- Mr. Mani – Office Assistance

List of Volunteers:

- Mr. Abisheik Joseph
- Mr. Amarnath
- Mr. Appu
- Mr. Aravind
- Mr. Atchaya Lingam
- Mr. Chandru
- Ms. Christy Sandra Fernando
- Ms. Dhanalakshmi
- Ms. Dheepikkamary
- Mr. Hernest Varun
- Mr. Hershel Abishan
- Mr. Joe Raja Ruban
- Mr. Kishore
- Ms. Mari
- Mr. Mohan Vallarasu
- Mr. Prince Airness
- Mr. Prabukumar
- Mr. Selva Durai
- Mr. Selvakumar
- Ms. Suguna
- Mr. Surya
- Mr. Tamilselvam
- Mr. Tamizhselvan
- Ms. Veera Nivetha
- Mr. Vicky Johnson
- Mr. William
