

PRESS NOTE: 29 December 2018

13th National Boscoree: This is the time, this is the hour

The mercury continues to plummet in Nashik with a cold blanket enveloping the city of gods, grapes and the Godavari, yet however at the Boscoree 2018 Campsite at Don Bosco Marg, the temperature is soaring. Tipping at boiling point and ready to spill over from 30th December through to 03rd January 2019, 77 troops comprising 2170 participants have already reached the destination and are gearing for the adventurous grind in health, holiness and harmony. Some of the more exploratory of the scouts and guides have embarked on a Mumbai darshan prior to the inauguration.

Due to the irregular train schedules, diversion of train routes, cancellations and some troops have been delayed for as long as 13 hours! About 36 troops comprising 955 scouts and guides accompanied by their respective scoutmaster and guide captains are expected to arrive by noon tomorrow.

The Safety, Security and Emergency First-Aid Committee organized a demonstration of basic fire-fighting skills, demonstrated by Vikas Shirsar and Sanjay Jadhav of Fortune Firefighters. Immediately thereafter, 9 fire extinguishers were distributed across the camp venues, alongwith the prayer and hope that these will not be need to be used!

The Food Committee has had their hands full serving and ensuring a healthy diet for both participants and organizers. The 150 strong catering staff at their hospitable best, committed to serving with a smile are the backbone of the Boscoree.

The Venue committee is busy adding the final touches of masterclass, readying the place, the toilets, water tanks, lighting and sound systems. The Father Sean McFerran Parade Ground is spruced up and readied with chairs for all the participants and guests.

Official registration commenced at 2:00 p.m in the respective sub-camps after which the sub-camp area has been tidied, with erection of camp gates and beautification of the sub-camp surroundings.

Father Lorenzo D'Souza, organizing the Inaugural Ceremony said, "We are all set. Tomorrow morning we will have a quick dress rehearsal of the opening ceremony and then we are on a roll."

Father Savio Silveira, Camp Coordinator pepped up the scouts, guides and the entire team with, "for all practical purposes, the Boscoree has begun. So let us be up and doing."

The 13th National Boscoree 2018 in numbers:

Units = 143

Scouts = 2057

Guides = 1549

Scoutmasters = 165

Guide Captains = 137

Salesians = 107

Salesian Nuns = 43

Total Participants = 4058

Total Guests/Dignitaries/Organisers = 477

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