

Scout Camp

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From 12.02.20 to 14.02.20 School for Life started its yearly scout camp in Huai Hong Khrai between beautiful nature and a big lake. We started our adventure at the school and had to prepare ourselves for an eight-kilometer walk. Five small groups made their way to the first station where *Kru Tom* waited for them. As an exercise the children had to remember certain trees and animals they saw in the jungle. To become a real scout, you have to learn a lot about caring, helping and being kind to each other. All these characteristics were necessary and mirrored at the second stop where the children learned about first aid. The kids made up a role play where they had to imagine an accident and administer first aid to each other.





After a few kilometers the kids arrived at the last station where the teachers welcomed the children with a poem which they had to learn by heart. As we arrived our long walk ended by crawling through the “Tiger tunnel” and getting mud all over every child’s face which was very funny.



Followed by the opening ceremony we had our first lunch together and the children prepared their tents and cooking places. Seeing the kids building their own shelves out of bamboo was very impressive. After earning new energy, the night activity “sense games” started and the kids experienced how to use their senses in the right way. At one station the children had to mime different things that were hidden under a blanket and the others had to guess what object it was. Volunteers and children had a lot of fun watching the others figuring out the mimes. By tasting the so called “magic drink” the kids had to find out the various ingredients that were mixed up together. Because of the disgusting smell it was quite challenging tasting the drink.







The next day we got up early, did some physical exercise and prepared breakfast over the self-made fireplaces built by stones. Especially for the volunteers it was nice experiencing to learn how to live more minimalistic. Before lunch we did some sportif and fun activities like the skiing race where three kids had to manage using one ski-board without falling down. At the second station one kid had to carry a water balloon while laying in an old water tank and being pushed around by some other children. Another pretty funny station was the scary tunnel. After the students crawled through the long, ponderous tube they got hit with huge water balloons thrown by the volunteers. It was impossible to stay dry. Our adventurous day ended with a huge camp fire where everybody was singing, dancing and having lots of fun while watching some funny role plays about wisdoms of how to be a good scout.







Our last day of scouting ended in the morning after a winner ceremony and a speech of our School Director *Khun Siripon Hanfaifa*. Everybody was very exhausted and happy by all of these great experiences.



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School for Life was founded by Prof. em. Dr. Jürgen Zimmer and Thaneen Worrawittayakun (“Joy”) in 2003.