

# GREAT HIMALAYA TREK

## *Junior Boys' Report...*

On the 26<sup>th</sup> May all of the Upstairs boys took a train from Howrah Station for an excursion to Himachal Pradesh. It took us twenty four hours to reach New Delhi and from New Delhi it took us eighteen hours to reach Sairopa in Himachal Pradesh. We enjoyed the trip very much as we ate many things, like samosas, sweets, chocolate and biscuits. Along the way we saw many villages and cities from the windows.

A bus was waiting for us at New Delhi Station. During the journey we saw some peacocks and stopped off to see a gurdwara and to eat some chapattis for lunch. After a long journey we finally reached Sairopa at 3.30 am.



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At Himachal Pradesh we went rappelling, bird watching and ventured into the forest to learn about plants and trees. Following all of this a three-



*Vicky (V) fearlessly rappelling in Sairopa.*

day trek at the Great Himalayan National Park began.

We were given lunch packs and our bags were heavy which made walking difficult. We did, however, see many beautiful birds and flowers, as well as a river running by. When we reached the campsite, it was very cold and windy. Our tents were not set up so we went into a cabin with our sleeping bags until they were ready.

The next morning, we climbed to the top of the mountain. The path was about eight kilometres long but when we reached the top it was beautiful as the ice was glistening in the sun. It took five hours to climb up and another two hours to come

back down.

We went on another hike the next day, but this path was only three kilometres and the road was smooth, so we came back safely. Afterwards we went rafting, which was really fun as the waves were big. We were very hungry so we ate our lunch and then took the bus back to Delhi, where we went to Martin Uncle's house. He gave us breakfast and then we saw a great Japanese cartoon. In the afternoon we went to the station and caught the train back to Kolkata. The whole trip was a lot of fun.

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