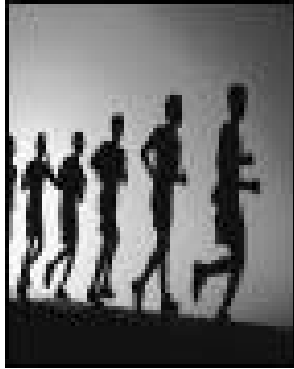


Camping hots up this season

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Bangalore: The heat is on when it comes to summer camping. Bangaloreans are being wooed to all sorts of adventure activities — from rappelling down rocky cliffs and kayaking in smoky waters to gazing at glaciers.

As usual, the younger lot, read age eight and upwards, is the focus of most of the attention. The summer camp publicity blitzkrieg is yet to really get going but a few organisations have already come out with ideas for cultural and arty-craft camps.

Kathalaya, an organisation started to popularise storytelling, is a case in point. The NGO will organise a series of workshops from April 4 to May 16 to help children “become effective storytellers while teaching them to integrate stories with art forms and narrative techniques.”

A note from the NGO adds that the workshops will comprise activities like origami, stories of magic and myths, chitrakathas, puppetry, making masks, claymodelling and presentations by the participants themselves.

Idiscoveri, another NGO, has ‘Youreka’ — a camp meant to toughen up nine to 17-year-olds with lots of physical activity.

The organisation has a camp that starts on April 6 to take the children rock climbing, mountain biking and trekking. But the camp will have a less hectic side too. Children can also dabble in music, photography and

journalism, a note says.

If the rocks and treks whetted your appetite, then the Lal Bahadur Mountaineering Institute has more adventure in store. The organisation, according to a note, is recognised by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation and has an adventure sports week from April 18 to 29 at Spoothidhama, Magadi Road. Application forms will be issued at its centre, Shastriji Bhavan, 8, Susheela Road, Chikkamavalli from April 10. Hardier souls can even sign up for a glacier expedition the Institute plans to organise in May. Friendly nook for kids

Learning at a pace the learner chooses is something that Eurokids holds out as its USP.

The pre-school concept of Eurokids, grooms the child through personality development. At the summer club that starts from April 13, children will be given a chance to design their own T-shirts, pots, tiles, and a host of other things.

Nature walks conducted especially to assist children in differentiating types of yoga is an attempt at heightening their spirit of adventure.

The summer club activities are interwoven around seven intelligences and will be carried out through the following themes — plants, clothes, temperatures, different seasons, sounds in life.

Eurokids has 21 networks across the state. Contact Nidhi on 98450-49023.

These organisations may be the early birds, but you can be sure that by the time March draws to a close, a host of others will also come out with their own ideas to make it a summer to remember.

