

REPORT ON THE YOF “Youth Leadership Camp - 2010”

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The YOF “Youth Leadership Camp – 2010” was hosted and co-sponsored by Vunabosco Secondary and OLSH. The camp was held in the Vunabosco campus for two days, 17th to 19th April, 2010 creating effective leadership through individual accountability, identity and opportunity.



The approach to this leadership development

programme was unique. The sessions, which were spread over 2 days, incorporated a blended approach of workshops, games, contests and singing. This provided an essential ‘front end’ programme which encouraged and motivated student leaders to be better leaders.

The sessions were coupled with workshops, each giving them a taste of executive leadership. The students of Vunabosco advertised for the camp presenting and advertising of the camp in a unique fashion. The theme song for the camp was “Salt and Light,” which made an impression. They not only won the hearts of the students, but also the teachers who were impressed with the Bosconian style and disposition. Br. Tony from Vuvu, said, the Bosconians, have indeed given us a taste of the camp through the advertisement.

There were 9 schools that participated in the leadership camp with a total of 168 students attending - both boys and girls. There were 8 teams mixed from all students, in order to bring about a bonding a family spirit in the camp which was well noted by their accompanying teachers and deputies.

The sessions were tailored to suit the needs of the present day school leader in order to manage and execute his duties effectively. The sessions were on leadership styles, PIE management (planning, implementation and evaluation), effective public speaking, youth spirituality and secretarial and accounts execution (SAFE management); that included learning how to write and record minutes, conduct meetings, cash flow management, the procurement of funds, manage accounts and advertising. This was coupled with workshops which were quite innovative and called for group work.

There were also game and other fun activities such as whist drive, which helped to break down barriers and for attendees to make new friends quickly. The aqua sports were a lot of fun, with lots of exciting games.

The meals were cooked by our teachers, one student complimented the food. He said, “I felt I was having food in the restaurant.”

The students danced to the action songs taught and brought out the themes of leadership in through their virtue acts, advertisements and jingles.

The closing was meaningful; each leader had to think what his metaphor of leadership was and then the best metaphor from each school was presented. The leaders sang together and prayed through the song “Lord Make Us Instruments of Your Peace.”

The camps conclusion saw the exchange of goodbyes, hugs, cries and kisses in the campus. Mr. Victor Pinau, a teacher of St. Mary’s Vuvu said, “Fr. Clifford, Vunabosco has been responsible for this togetherness. Can you see the bonding and friendliness the camp brought about?” Before some of the students could get into their respective vehicles, Gerard of Kosec said, “Well, I enjoyed the camp. It is a great idea. It creates a bond between schools. A great experience, it builds confidence in me. We need some more.” Another student Roa Jude, from St. Mary’s Vuvu added, “Confidence in public speaking, building relationships, new ways of animating singing and games. It has helped me to become more creative.” Ms. George, the Deputy of Malabunga said, “This was the first camp of its kind, that was ever hosted and the memories will remain fresh, till we come again for another one.”

Every teacher and student thanked Vunabosco for this event.