

Diary of a Camping Night

Introduction

Time: 2:30 PM

I went to Kawasoti (Nawalpur) to my Thulmom's house, where I stayed for a week. On Saturday, my big brother came and told me to pack my bag and get ready.

"Why?" I asked.

"We're going camping tonight!" he replied.

First, we asked our Thulmom for permission, but she was hesitant. "Why should you go? It's going to rain today," she warned. But we kept requesting until she finally agreed. Before leaving, we cleaned the room and packed our bags, taking spices, meat, and other essentials.

Shopping

Time: 3:00 – 3:45 PM

We left home and went to a mart to buy the remaining items. My brother was riding the scooter while I sat behind, holding our bags and the tent. First, we refueled with Rs. 500 worth of petrol, then shopped at the mart. Afterward, we stopped at a retail shop to buy water bottles, chips, and other snacks.

Items We Took for Camping Night:

- Spices
- Meat
- Bowl, spoon, plate, and fork
- Water bottle
- Tent bag
- Mineral water bottle
- Torchlight
- Lighter
- Chips, Kurkure, Panda (types of chips)
- Furandana (roasted rice, peanuts, and dalmoth)
- Nescafé
- Current spicy noodles

Funny and Exciting Moment

Time: 4:00 PM

We began our journey, expecting a two-hour scooter ride. But suddenly, halfway through, it started raining. We kept going despite the rain, but after 20 minutes, we had to take shelter in a small house. Hailstones hit me on my ear, forehead, and face. I remembered my Thulmom saying, "Take an extra helmet; you'll need it," but I had ignored her advice. It was painful, so we waited for 10 minutes before resuming our journey.

Time: 4:30 – 5:00 PM

As we continued, we passed through banana farms and fields full of crops and fruits—it felt like heaven. Along the way, we saw sand and stone mines. We enjoyed the scenery, took photos, recorded videos, and stopped briefly to eat dalthom before moving forward.

Hardest Moment

Time: 5:20 – 6:00 PM

While enjoying the ride, the rain intensified. "Shit, we're stuck now," we thought. The road became slippery, and controlling the scooter was difficult. My brother wore a helmet, but I had only a cap. We stopped, adjusted ourselves, and pushed forward. The storm made the road even more dangerous—one mistake and we could be gone forever. At one point, our scooter couldn't carry both of us, so my brother pushed it while I carried our heavy bags and climbed the slippery road. Somehow, we managed to continue.

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

After 45 minutes of riding in the cold, we stopped at a small hotel to rest. We ordered two cups of black tea, half a plate of chow mein, and half a bowl of noodle soup. We chatted while eating, then resumed our journey.

Shortly after restarting, our scooter broke down in the middle of the jungle on a hill. "Not again!" I groaned. My brother tried to start it while I walked. Eventually, we got it moving, though the back tire kept slipping. Sometimes, we even jumped due to the rough track—it felt like we barely survived.

Reaching the Campsite

Time: 7:00 PM

We finally reached our camping spot. Exhausted, we parked the scooter and took some rest. Then, we set up our tent and attempted to light a fire. But due to the storm, it was unsafe, so we poured water over the flames. Inside the tent, we snacked on dalmoth, chips, and cheese balls.

Time: 8:00 – 8:30 PM

After organizing our space, we cooked spicy noodles, ate, and decided to sleep early as it was too windy to keep a fire burning.

Late-Night Thoughts & Learning

Time: 11:00 – 11:30 PM

As I lay in the tent, thoughts of my studies and career crept into my mind. Then, I thought, "Forget it! I'm here to enjoy." The tent was small and uncomfortable, but after a while, the weather calmed down.

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 AM

We finally lit a fire, and my brother started teaching me about human psychology, engineering, and personal experiences. I asked him about the world, coding, and much more. We ate chips while talking, then put out the fire, covered our tent, and went to sleep as the rain continued.

Morning at the Campsite

Time: 8:00 – 9:00 AM

We woke up, lit a fire, and started cooking meat. We enjoyed it with furandana and drank a cup of tea. We took some photos and videos, then packed our bags, cleaned the site, and washed the utensils before preparing to leave.

Journey Back Home

Time: 9:00 – 1:00 PM

On the way back, we stopped in front of “Devchuli Hotel” and ordered two cups of black tea and half a plate of chow mein. After breakfast, we resumed our journey, talking about the beauty of the place and planning our next camping trip. After three hours of riding, we reached home, washed our scooter, and ended our adventure.

The End