

The 10th Hong Kong Group
Adventure Ship cruise
August 20-21, 2013

Good morning Dr. Kennard, Father Phillip, teachers and fellow schoolmates, I am Jason Yu from F5C, representative of the 10th Hong Kong Venture Scout Unit. Beside me are Ambrose and Wang On, representatives of the Scout Troop.

Today, we are going to share on our experiences of the Adventure Ship cruise held during the summer holidays. Scouts from 10th Hong Kong Group, went on a 2 day trip of adventure, excitement and laughter. Now, let us have Wang On talk about our first day of the journey.

The Adventure Ship took place on 20th August to 21st August on the Jockey Club Huan –a massive Chinese junk. As we have already been briefed earlier in the month, we were all extremely thrilled about the trip and the exciting activities. Some of us were looking forward to the ‘Flying Man’, whilst others were silently panicking about plummeting into the sea. We gathered at the Jumbo Pier early in the morning with a heart filled with expectation and boarded the Huan.



The first challenge was boarding the ship itself. Climbing a 2-metre ladder whilst lugging our bloated bags made all of us shed a few drops of sweat. Immediately after we reached the deck, we were welcomed warmly by the captain and the instructors. We were shown the various locations and facilities on the ship. These were all modern and new as the junk has just been constructed a few years ago.



After a simple lunch, the excitement began. We were scrambled into random groups and given tasks.

The first task was already extremely challenging. We had to find a way to reach the ceiling of the main deck and climb the pole. We thought of many different ideas such as standing on other's knees, mounting the tallest person etc. It was great fun.



Right after that, we jumped straight into the sea. The second task required one of us to stand on a floating platform and fetch a piece of paper hanging from the ship. Throughout the game we slipped a lot and there was a lot of laughter as people fell on top of each other. It was a mess!



The third task was nerve-wracking. We had to walk on a plank jutting out of the cruise and fetch yet another piece of paper. All of us had to sit on one side of the plank in order to support the weight of who was taking the challenge. I felt like walking in mid-air and it was thrilling and enjoyable. Our trust in each other grew significantly through this game. As when you were out there at the tip of the plank, there's no one to trust except your teammates.



The fourth activity was equally frightening. We had to climb along the 5-inch rim of the boat whilst our brothers held our hands in order not to let us fall. Again, it greatly tested our trust and cooperation and we found out that our greatest enemy was in fact ourselves. In the end we overcame fear and everyone succeeded.



The fifth game challenged our cooperation like no other. We had to walk along a wooden board from the ship to a rubber boat. It sounded easy but the board was much more slippery than we thought. We had to hold on to each other in order to reach the boat. We fell together into the



sea a lot of times and this added to the fun and laughter of the game.

The 5 laborious tasks did not mark the end of the day. The next event was one we had been looking forward to the most: The 'Flying Man'. We had to hold onto a trapeze as we launched out from the ship into the sea! Screams and laughter accompanied us as we soared into the sea and everyone relished the heavenly experience. We flew a total of four times, and by the end of it everyone was exhausted.



And now Ambrose will talk the rest of our journey.

As a mark to the end of one day's schedule, we had dinner together with our groups. The tranquil moonlight accompanied our feast and it was one of the few occasions when we get to relax ourselves under the silent starry night.



We foolishly thought that we could have a good night's sleep to revive ourselves for the second day. As you may expect, it was definitely not the case.

We had to do something called Anchor Watch, which was actually night shifts. The aim was to make sure the ship was safe through the night. We walked around and checked the conditions of the ship, the speedboat and the sailing lights. A scout makes good use of time and is careful with possessions and property, so we have responsibility to protect what we were given. We all paid 200% attention during the shifts. Luckily we still had some sleep as each shift was only for two hours.



The second day started with swimming around the Huan early in the morning; we were all pumped up after that chilling but refreshing swim.

The main event of day two was the race to the beach. In groups of four to five, we had to race from the ship to a beach nearby with just the aid of swim rings. We put in all our efforts to race to the finish line, which was the beach, even though there was no prize. Well, you could see how determined we were in races.

After all activities, we had to clean the vessel. This is because we had to handover a tidy ship back to the instructors so none of us were lazy on it and every spot on the ship was cleaned.



Although unwillingly, we had to cruise back to where the whole adventure started, Jumbo Pier. We assembled one last time, saluted and ended this marvelous journey.

When we were heading home, we thought back on our 2-day trip. All those excitement, joy and adrenaline were still running in our bodies. The tough but spirit-lifting group tasks, and the scary but fun acrobatic swing-- These are experiences that we may never go through again in our lives. In fact, all the activities in the trip did really show what being a scout means to be courageous at all times, to help each other when in need, to respect ourselves and others, and of course, to have fun. Now we will show you a short video we prepared about our journey. Sit Enjoy.

Ending (after video):

We have definitely learnt a lot more than anyone has expected from being a scout and we are proud of it. It is not only fun to join scouting but also honorable. We are proud to be in 10th Hong Kong Group. Thank you.