



Basecamp calling

A few kilometres out of Dhaka, right after the Gazipur Chowrasta in Gojariapara, and tucked beyond a patch of trees of the famed "Shalban" of the Modhupur tract, is The Basecamp; an ideal place to humour the adventurer that we all have inside of us in what can be called the first "outdoor activity camp" in Bangladesh.

Often in the noisy hustle of Dhaka, we get bogged down by the caged and exhausting city life and we yearn for a breather. A bit of fresh air, a place to unleash the inner child full of excitement

and energy, and a touch of unspoiled nature. That's where Basecamp becomes a destination of choice.

The first advantage is its proximity to the main city, as you can reach it some half hour after leaving the limits of Dhaka. The service can include pick and drop option by a coaster suitable for your group size too. The first thing you notice upon entering the premises is how neatly organised it looks and how seamlessly the structures blend into their surroundings—all the structures i.e. the main bungalow building and the

outdoor living spaces like tents and nature rooms seem to be in perfect harmony.

If you peer a bit harder into the trees, your heart might skip a beat on finding something to remind of the free days of hanging on monkey bars in your childhood. A whole patch of trees towards the rim of the enclosure is kitted out for tree based activities, where you can happily break a sweat balancing and jumping from one hanging log to another, only to come to another set of rope or planks challenges, like the chimp swing or monkey pass. Give

yourself a well-deserved pat on the back to finish it all since you have to be quite fit to have done it. Of course, safety is paramount and qualified trainers will be right by you, watching every step, and making sure your safety harness is working properly, making it quite easy to attempt for even the novices.

Once off the trees, and if still full of energy, you can skip to the ground activities. Feel a bit rough and tough crawling under a network of ropes, just like the wire trenches that the commando movies