

# Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America AND BalGokul

## Announce

## SHANTINIKETAN FAMILY CAMP

On

Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Teens Only Camp: Thursday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Family Camp: Thursday 7:00 PM to Sunday 1:00 PM

**Venue: LATHROP E. SMITH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**  
5110 Meadowside Lane, Rockville, MD 20855

### Program Synopsis:

- Discussion on issues of identity, service, and leadership in relation to Hindus in America. The focus is on unity.
- Presentations on the culture, spirituality and the current issues by eminent community personalities.
- Moderated debates between parents and children to promote intercultural understanding
- Physical exercises, Yoga, games and entertainment.
- Video Show on life history of great people, Prayers, Bhajans, Pooja and group songs.
- Campfire: participants gather around the fire to share songs, skits, games and stories.

### **FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

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**Online Registration : <http://dc.vhp-america.org/camp>**

NOTE: The counselor and CIT forms are sent out electronically. Please contact, Shaily Patel, or Shivaram Sitaram for more information.

# Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America Shantiniketan Family Camp

Be united. Speak in harmony. Let your minds apprehend alike. Common be your prayers. Common be the end of your assembly. Common be your resolutions with unanimous understanding. United be your hearts. United be your thoughts. Perfect be your unity.

- Rig-Veda

Come together, no matter what for; have mass programs in unison; Discipline will be learnt; Self-confidence will grow.

- Swami Vivekananda

Let us walk (march) together; Let us speak (and sing) together; let us think together (wedded to a common ideal and goal); Let us behave, act, struggle hard, achieve and preserve the divine qualities of our forefathers (dev-purush).

- Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar

## LATHROP E. SMITH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER 5110 Meadowside Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20855

### DIRECTIONS:

From I-95 North: Take an exit to Silver Spring (Beltway, I-495 West). Take an exit to Georgia Avenue North (Rt. 97 North). Go about 7-8 miles and take left onto Norbeck Road (Rt. 28 West). Go about few hundred yards and take right onto Muncaster Mill Road (Rt. 115W). Go about one mile and take left onto Meadowside Lane. Center is on your right.

From I-95 South: Take an exit to Beltway (I-495) going towards Rockville (may find signs for Bethesda, Frederick and I-270). Take an exit to Georgia Avenue North ( Rt. 97 North) and follow the above directions.

From I-270: Take an exit to Shady Grove Road-East. Go about 3-4 miles and take right onto Muncaster Mill Road (Rt.115E). Go about 3-4 miles and take right onto Meadowside Lane.

### IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

There are bunk beds with mattresses in the cabins. You need to bring a pillow, bed sheets, toothbrush, paste etc. Please bring a Yoga mat. Do not bring any valuables which you may lose. There is no air conditioning in the sleeping cabins; you may bring pedestal / personal fans for your comfort. This is an outdoor/indoor camp, where campers are out in fields/woods for different activities. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that the child/children are properly clothed, sprayed with bug/tick repellent and safeguarded with necessary precautions to have a safe and pleasantly memorable camping experience. Liability release and camp guide lines adherence needs to be signed by parent/guardian of children under 18.

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# Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America

SHANTINIKETAN FAMILY CAMP August 7 -10, 2014

## REGISTRATION FORM

### Camper's Information:

Age (optional for adults) T-Shirt Size

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T-Shirt Sizes Codes - Adults : A-XXL, A-XL, A-L, A-M, A-S

Kids : K-L, K-M, K-S; Toddler : T

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( )

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company Name:

Group ID # :

Subscriber # :

Personal Physician's name:

Physician's phone:

Emergency Contact Name:

Emergency contact phone:

**Registration Fee:** *Applicable if registered on or before June 30, 2014* (REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES: OVERNIGHT STAY AT THE CAMP, FOOD AND ACTIVITIES )

**\$95** For the first camper (age five years and above) from a family .

**\$90** For the second camper from the same family(must have same insurance Group and ID).

**\$75** For additional campers of the same family. (must have same insurance Group and ID).

**\$25** For children of age two to five years. No charge for children age two and below.

**Late Fees:** \$15 per camper will be charged for registration after June 30, 2014.  
\$20 per camper will be charged for registration after July 07, 2014.

**Volunteering:** is an essential part of the camp for both adults and children. The work list will be sent by the registration team. To discourage people from skipping on volunteering duties and/or leaving camp early, please note the below mandatory fees-

- For those adults who want to opt out of camp related volunteering work, there will be a **\$50 non-volunteer fee payable along with registration.**
- There is a **\$20 cleaning service fee per family to be added to the registration fee and sent along with the registration form/payment.**
- Campers under grade 12<sup>th</sup>, not accompanied by their parent, will incur an additional **\$35 unaccompanied minor fee payable along with registration, and an adult attending the camp should sign as the guardian, in addition to the parent signature.**

**PLEASE NOTE: YOUR REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED, WITH APPLICABLE FEES ,INCLUDING LATE FEES , IF APPLICABLE.**

Total amount : \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **V.H.P. of America** and mail with the registration form to

VHPA Camp Registration  
9705 Pleasant Gate Ln  
Potomac, MD 20854

THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE SIGNED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN OR AN ADULT OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

I, the undersigned, hold V.H.P. of America, Inc and Montgomery County and Lathrop E. Smith Center, Rockville in the State of Maryland harmless for any and all liabilities arising out of my and/or my children's/ward's participation in the camp. In the event of any medical emergency, any medical help available to the organization may be used. I will be responsible for all the medical and related expenses. I, hereby, release V.H.P. of America and Montgomery County from any and all claims.

Printed Name:

Signature:

Date:

### Discipline Guidelines for Campers

1. Except for medical reasons, decided by the Camp Doctor, no camper will be allowed to leave the camp-site until the camp is officially concluded.
2. Campers are not permitted to bring food, drinks, expensive jewelry, radio, TV, iPod, etc. to the campsite. Any cassette recorders, cameras, music players etc. that are brought for the overall cultural program or talent show must be deposited with the camp authorities upon arrival.
3. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or drugs on the campsite will constitute immediate grounds for dismissal.
4. Gambling, fighting, harassment of other campers, use of indecent or threatening language shall not be permitted.
5. Campers are expected to be in bed by 10:30 pm., and absolute silence should be maintained after that time.
6. Campers will stay in their allotted tents/cabins. Boys and girls are not allowed in each other's tents/cabins at any time.
7. Campers are expected to keep the campsite clean at all times. This includes the tents/cabins, kitchen area, dining area, activity areas and the playgrounds.
8. All campers must participate in all the activities planned for them unless excused by the camp doctor/nurse or camp director.
9. Campers shall adhere to all the safety rules, which will be explained and discussed at the camp site.
10. Campers are responsible to bring their own medications, in case you or your children have allergies or a medical condition that require medication.

*I have read the above camp Discipline Guidelines and shall abide by them during the camp.*

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Camper's Signature

Date

*I give permission to my son/daughter to participate in all camp activities. I will be responsible for transportation of my child to and from the camp. I hereby release the Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America and it's volunteers from any liability for accident or injuries that my child may incur at the VHPA camp including off-site activities such as hiking, sight-seeing etc. **In case I am not coming, I appoint the following as a Guardian for my child.***

Guardian's Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the last two sheets only, along with the check for registration and keep the first page containing camp information with you.