



Yamunotrii Residential Samskritam Camp Frequently Asked Questions

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What is Yamunotrii?

Yamunotrii is a family-oriented residential Samskritam camp held during July 2-4, 2016 in Addison, Texas. It is designed by Samskrita Bharati to impart Samskritam language skills using modern teaching techniques in a fun, friendly, interactive and informal atmosphere. <u>Back to top</u>

Who can attend?

Anyone can attend, and no prior knowledge of Samskritam is required. Familiarity with an Indian language is recommended, as our syllabus is tailored for such students¹. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Back to top

Who are the instructors?

A team of experienced instructors will teach the various levels. We have a group of expert teachers from India as well as from other parts of the US. Back to top

Where will the camp be held?

The camp will be held at **Crowne Plaza Suites**, 14315 Midway Road Addison, TX - 75001 Phone: 972 980 8877. <u>Hotel Website</u> Back to top

When will the camp start / end?

Registration check-in:	10:00 AM on Saturday July 2 nd 2016
End of Camp:	4:00 PM on Monday July 4 th 2016
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What are the nearby airports to the campsite?

Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) is a popular airport that is well connected and approximately 12 miles from the venue.

Dallas Love Field (DAL) is located approximately 7 miles from the venue.

¹ Anyone, regardless of background, is welcome to attend. However, our syllabus makes frequent use of Samskrtam words that are commonly found in Indian regional languages, and also uses standard Indian cultural motifs to help expedite the teaching process. Those who are unfamiliar with these may have difficulty following the class material.





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What is the fee for the camp?

- Early (by 22 May): Single adult \$185; Groups of 2,3,4, and 5 = \$295, \$395, \$495, and \$595 respectively
- Regular (5/23 6/19): Single adult \$210; Groups of 2,3,4,5 = \$320, \$420, \$520, and \$620 respectively
- Late (after 20 Jun): Single adult \$235; Groups of 2,3,4,5 = \$345, \$445, \$545, and \$645 respectively

NOTE: Fee for single students and seniors is \$35 less than single adult, in each of the early/regular/late categories

- Senior: Adult age 65 and above
- Child below 4 years: FREE (with accompanying adult registration)
- Groups (2-5): Those registered under single payment (no double discounts)
- Student: Any minor age 4-18 and adults able to show currently valid student ID
- Minor: Camp policy requires parents to accompany children 4 10 years of age. Children 11 18 years of age need parental consent letter confirming one of the adults already attending camp will be the guardian

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I can no longer attend the camp. Can I get a refund?

All cancellations will incur a fee of \$25. After deducting this amount, fees will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation by June 12th

Cancellation between June 12th and June 19th

Cancellation between June 20th and June 26th

75% of the remaining fees

- 50% of the remaining fees
- 25% of the remaining fees

Cancellation after June 27th or no-show at the camp – Back to top

no refund

How do I register?

Please go to http://www.samskritabharatiusa.org select Yamunotrii either in the "What's New" section or under "Upcoming Camps". If questions, or problems registering, please contact us. Back to top

Can I arrive later on Saturday or leave on Sunday or early Monday?

No. All participants should arrive Saturday AM (LATEST by Noon for lunch) and must stay through 4 PM on Monday. Please contact us if there are any exceptional circumstances. Back to top

Can I attend during the day, and stay elsewhere during the night?

No. All participants **must** remain in the camp from the time they register, until the conclusion of the camp.

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Are there any transportation facilities from and to airport?

Transportation is the participant's responsibility. However, Samskrita Bharati volunteers will try to accommodate transportation requests for out-of-town guests and will also try to arrange carpools for other interested participants. If you can help with carpools, or would like some







transportation help, please contact us. Back to top

What do I do once I arrive at the camp?

Follow the signs for "Yamunotrii" and arrive at the registration desk. Samskrita Bharati volunteers will be present at the campsite on Saturday from 9:00 AM onwards. The room check-in starts 3:00 PM the same day, at the hotel reception desk. Back to top

What kind of classes will be provided for children?

Classes for children will be based on their grade level and/or age and how many children attend the camp. If there is sufficient enrollment, we will have one class for ages 6 through 8, one class for ages 9 through 12 and one for ages 13 through 18. A separate class for children 5 or younger can be arranged provided parents of these children volunteer two hours of their time. Samskrita Bharati has developed a child-friendly curriculum based on conversation, games, songs, and other activities.

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What level should I register for?

The guidelines are given in the registration page for registering at a particular level. If you are already a Samskrita Bharati student, you may discuss with your teacher too. You can also contact us.

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Do you provide course material?

Yes, course material will be provided for all registered students. Supplementary books will be available for purchase at the campsite. Participants must bring their own notebooks, pens, pencils etc. Although reference books are unnecessary, participants may bring such books along.

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Can I make a video / audio recording of the classes?

Currently there are no such plans. It may be possible to record the sessions if the instructor and participants agree. The final decision rests with the instructors, who may require the recordings to be turned off at any time, for any reason. Please note that these recordings can only be used for personal non-commercial use. Back to top

What kind of food will be served at the camp?

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be catered by a DFW vegetarian restaurant. Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided during break time. If you have a preference for snacks for yourself or your child, please bring them with you. You will not have time to go shopping during the camp.





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What are the lodging facilities?

Yamunotrii will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Addison, TX. So, hotel type accommodation with linen provided can be expected. Back to top

Should family members pack their belongings separately?

We will make every effort to house families together. However, due to various factors, it is possible that some of the family members may be housed in different rooms. Hence, it is better to pack required items separately. All children to stay with a parent or guardian. Back to top

What kind of clothing should I bring?

DFW has varied weather even during July 4th Weekend. Please check the weather forecast prior to the camp and bring appropriate clothing. Back to top

Are laundry facilities available on-site?

No. Please bring enough clothing for 3 days. Back to top

What should I bring?

Recommended items: Toiletries – Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, etc. Personal prescription medicine if any Some warm clothing if you think you require Loose-fitting clothing (for Yoga sessions) Yoga Mat Laundry bag Shoes/sneakers Refillable water bottle Class materials – notebooks, pens, pencils, binder **Optional Items:** Reference books – samskritam books that you have abhyAsa-pustakam, bhAShA praveShaH, gltA sOpAnam etc. Musical instruments (to participate in the cultural program in a group setting) Indian-style clothing for the cultural program in the evening Camera & film Chargers for battery operated electronics Back to top





What should I leave at home?

Expensive jewelry and other valuables, hair dryers, curling irons, similar personal appliances, any type of video or audio or electronic gadget that will distract you from learning Samskritam. Back to top

Will there be cell phone reception?

The venue has no problem with cell phone coverage. But we prefer that you put your cell phone in 'Air Plane' mode to derive the most from attending this camp. Back to top

What is a typical day at the camp?

Here is a sample daily schedule for *Sunday* activities. The schedule is subject to change.

समयः	विषयः	टिप्पणिः	स्थलम्
SAMAYAH	VISHAYAH		STHALAM
(Тіме)	(DETAILS)	(Notes)	(LOCATION)
5:45 - 6:15a	जागरणम्	WAKE-UP	HOTEL ROOM
	Jāgaraņam		
6:15 - 7:15a	प्रातः स्मरणम् /योगकक्ष्या	MORNING PRAYERS,	
	PRĀTAŅSMARAŅAM/YOGA-KAKSYĀ	YOGA CLASS	2ND FLOOR
	स्नानम्/प्रातराशः		BREAKFAST
7:15 - 8:30a	NāNAM/PRĀTARĀAŅ	BATH & BREAKFAST	IN WILLOW
			1ST FLOOR
8:45 - 9:45a	प्रथमकक्ष्या	FIRST CLASS	ROOM AS
0.40 - 3.40A	PRATHAMA-KAKṢYĀ		ASSIGNED
9:45-10:00A	विरामः	Backy	
	VIRĀMAH	BREAK	
10:00 11:00	दवितीयकक्ष्या		ROOM AS
10:00 - 11:00A	DVITĪYA-KAKŞYĀ	SECOND CLASS	ASSIGNED
	विरामः		
11:00 - 11:15A	VIRĀMAH	BREAK	
			2001/10
11:15 – 12:15P	तृतीयकक्ष्या	THIRD CLASS	ROOM AS ASSIGNED
	TỊTĪYA-KAKṢYĀ		
12:15 - 1:45P	भोजनम्	LUNCH	WILLOW 1ST FLOOR
	BHOJANAM		
1:45 - 2:45P	चतुर्थकक्ष्या	FOURTH CLASS	ROOM AS
	CATURTHA-KAKṢYā		ASSIGNED
2:45 – 3:00p	विरामः	BREAK	
	VIRĀMAH		
3:00 - 4:00p	पञ्चमकक्ष्या	FIFTH CLASS	ROOM AS
	ΡΑÑCAMA- ΚΑΚṢY Ā		ASSIGNED
	अश्नीतपिबता/मनोरञ्जनार्थं सिद्धता	Tea break, prepare	WILLOW
4:00 - 5:00P	AŚNĪTAPIBATƏ́/MANORAÑJANƏRTHA	FOR ENTERTAINMENT	1ST FLOOR
	M SIDDHATĀ	PROGRAMS	





जयतु मनुकुलम् ।

5:00 – 5:45p	क्रीडाः KRī¢्रा	GAMES	MESQUITE 1 ST FLOOR
5:45 - 6:15p	प्रक्षालनम् PRAK ब्री ANAM	Freshen up	HOTEL ROOM
6:15 – 7:15p	प्रवचनम् PRAVACANAM	LECTURES	MESQUITE 1 ST FLOOR
7:15-8:15p	भोजनम् BHOJANAM	DINNER	WILLOW 1 ST FLOOR
8:15 - 10:15p	मनोरञ्जनकार्यक्रमाः MANORAÑJANA-KतरYAKRAMan	ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMS	MESQUITE 1 ST FLOOR
10:15P - 6:00A	निद्रासमयः NIDRāSAMAYAḥ	SLEEP TIME	HOTEL ROOM

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Will there be first-aid supplies on camp?

The venue will have a generic medical kit. If you require any medication, please make sure to bring it with you.

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What are the Crowne Plaza's rules for this camp?

Participants must fill and sign the registration / consent form to participate in the camp. All participants must remain on Crowne Plaza premises for the duration of the camp. All participants must follow the instructions of Crowne Plaza staff and Samskrita Bharati volunteers. Children are the responsibility of the parents, especially during non-instructional hours. Smoking is strictly prohibited. The camp features a quiet lights-out time between 10 PM and 5 AM. Alcohol and drugs are strictly forbidden. No pets are allowed. Back to top

Whom can I contact for additional information?

You may reach out to dallas@samskritabharatiusa.org

You may also contact any of our camp coordinators whose contact information is given here.

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