



Śraddhā 2017 (July 9-15, 2017)
The College of New Jersey
2000 Pennington Road Ewing, NJ 08628
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Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

1) Eligibility

1a) Who can attend?

Students entering grades 8-12 (by Fall 2017) are welcome to attend. NO prior knowledge of Samskritam or Devanagari script is required. Prior knowledge of another Indian language is beneficial but not required.

1b) My child is in 7th grade. Can s/he still attend the camp?

The grade range for students attending the camp should be 8-12 (by Fall 2017). Please contact one of the volunteers listed at the end if you have any further questions.

1c) What proportion of girls and boys will be attending the camp?

We are aiming for 50% girls and 50% boys, however we will not know for sure until all the teens have registered. Regardless of the number, boys and girls will be accommodated in separate cabins.

2) Registration Details

2a) What are the fees for the camp?

The regular fees are \$450 for the first registrant from each family, and \$350 per subsequent teen from the same family. There are **early bird discounts** for those who register early!

Register by May 20, 2017 and pay \$400 for the first teen (on-line payment by this date).

Register by June 10, 2017 and pay \$425 for the first teen (on-line payment by this date).

Registration deadline is June 25, 2017 (with the regular fees of \$450 for the first teen)

Fee includes lodging, food, teaching and materials for the duration of the camp. Payment of fees is accepted online through the Samskrita Bharati USA website. The link will be provided once the registration details are submitted.

2b) What is a travel grant and how do I apply? When will I receive the travel grant?

Those participants who will be flying to attend the camp are eligible for a travel grant, provided that the cost of the flight ticket is greater than \$200. Those who qualify for the travel grant will receive \$100 for tickets over \$200, \$150 for tickets over \$300 and \$200 for tickets over \$400. If you are interested in the travel grant, please check the box on the online registration form, complete the travel grant form available on the Shradhaa web page, attach a copy of the itinerary with the cost of the ticket, and mail to:



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Those participants who have completed the application for the travel grant and qualify for the grant will be notified before the start of the camp. The grant will be disbursed after the camp. Please note that cancellation or no show at the camp would constitute an automatic disqualification from receiving the grant.

2c) Is there a refund if I cancel my registration after paying the fee?

Cancellations must be made by either calling one of the volunteers listed at the end of this document or emailing shraddhaa@sanskritabharatiusa.org. Cancellations due to emergency events will be refunded in full. For non-emergency cancellations, the following guidelines will be enforced:

Cancellation on or before May 20, 2017 - \$50 reduction in refund.

Cancellation after May 20, 2017 and on or before June 10, 2017 - \$75 reduction in refund.

Cancellation after June 10, 2017 and on or before June 25, 2017 - \$100 reduction in refund.

Cancellation after June 25, 2017 or no show at the camp - \$150 reduction in refund.

2d) I've completed the basic registration, but I forgot to print the forms. What do I do?

The links for the forms are included in the registration confirmation email that every registrant receives after completing registration. If you are unable to find that email, or never received it, the forms are available on the webpage (Click on the **Shraddhaa** link from the main page: www.sanskritabharatiusa.org). Please remember to print and mail completed forms to:

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2e) When will the camp start?

Camp registration will begin at 11:30am on Sunday, July 9. Camp activities will officially begin around 1:30 pm after lunch. The camp will end on Saturday, July 15 at 1:00 pm. We will be providing lunch at 12:15 pm on both days for parents as well.

2f) Where should my teen go when s/he arrives at the camp?

All participants are expected to check in at the sign-in desk staffed by Samskrita Bharati volunteers. This desk will be located in the main lounge of Cromwell Main Lounge in the TCNJ Campus. There will be signs to the registration desk.

2g) Can my teen arrive late?

No. We highly discourage participants from coming late, as they will be missing classes (it would be difficult to catch up with the rest of the class) as well as other activities. If you have questions, please contact one of the volunteers (names and phone numbers are given at the end of this document).

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2h) Are parents allowed to attend the camp?

Parents are discouraged from attending the camp. A few parents who would like to help out with the logistics of the camp will be needed. There will not be any classes targeted for parents, nor will parents be staying with their teens. Please contact one of the volunteers listed at the bottom of the document if you are a parent interested in volunteering for the camp.

3) Activities

3a) What activities will be there at the camp?

Each day will include approximately four hours of class time, with various other outdoor and indoor activities throughout the day.

Below is a sample schedule for one day's activities. Please note that this is a tentative schedule and may change.

Time			Activity	Location
6:00-7:00 am	जागरणं स्नानं च	jāgaraṇam snānam ca	Waking up and Bath	Cromwell Suites
7:00-7:45 am	प्रार्थना योगः च	prārthanā yogaḥ ca	Yoga	Travers-Wolfe Main Lounge
7:45-8:30 am	प्रातराशः	prātarāśaḥ	Breakfast	TW Dining Hall
8:30-9:30 am	प्रथमा कक्ष्या	prathamā kakṣyā	First class	Travers-Wolfe Main Lounge , Cromwell Lounges
9:40-10:40 am	द्वितीया कक्ष्या	dvitiyā kakṣyā	Second class	Travers-Wolfe Main Lounge , Cromwell Lounges
10:50- 11:30pm	तृतीया कक्ष्या	ṭṛtīyā kakṣyā	Third class	Travers-Wolfe Main Lounge , Cromwell Lounges
11:30-12:10 pm	भाषाक्रीडाः	bhāṣākrīḍāḥ	Language Games	Travers-Wolfe Main Lounge , Cromwell Lounges
12:15-1:15 pm	भोजनम्	bhojanam	Lunch	TW Dining Hall
1:15-2:15 pm	विश्रान्तिः	viśrāntiḥ	Free time	
2:15-3:15 pm	चतुर्थी कक्ष्या	caturthī kakṣyā	Fourth Class	Travers-Wolfe Main Lounge , Cromwell Lounges
3:30-4:30 pm	पञ्चमी कक्ष्या	pañcamī kakṣyā	Fifth Class	Travers-Wolfe Main Lounge , Cromwell Lounges

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4:30-4:45 pm	अल्पाहारः	ālpāhārah	Snacks/Tea	TW Dining Hall
4:45-5:45 pm	सङ्घटनकार्यक्रमः	saṅghaṭana-kāryakramaḥ	Outdoor group activity	Grassy Area/Volleyball court
5:45-6:00 pm	विश्रान्तिः	viśrāntiḥ	Free time (Clean up)	
6:00-6:30 pm	सङ्घटनकार्यक्रमः	saṅghaṭana-kāryakramaḥ	Evening Assembly and Lecture	Traverse Main Lounge
6:30-7:30 pm	भोजनम्	Bhojanam	Dinner	TW Dining Hall
7:45-8:30 pm	पठनम्	paṭhanam	Study hall	Travers-Wolfe Main Lounge
8:30-9:00 pm	मनोरञ्जनकार्यक्रमः	manorañjana-kāryakramaḥ	Entertainment programs	Travers-Wolfe Main Lounge
10:00 pm	निद्रा	Nidrā	Lights Out and Sleep	Cromwell Suites

4) Teaching

4a) My son/daughter already goes to Samskritam classes at home. Will this camp be appropriate for him/her?

Yes, the classes will be split into three levels: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Those who have no prior knowledge of Samskritam will be in the beginner level and those who have some basic conversation skills will be in one of the intermediate levels. Students who are competent in speaking and have a basic understanding of grammar will be placed in the advanced class.

4b) Who will be teaching?

Classes will be taught by Samskrita Bharati instructors.

4c) Where will the classes be held?

Classes will be located in the Cromwell Hall Lounges.

4d) Will course material be provided?

Yes, course material in the form of handouts will be provided. Exercise books will be available for purchase at the campsite. Your teen may want to bring Samskritam books (especially Samskrita Bharati publications) or study material for reference; however this is by no means required.



5) Transportation to the Camp

5a) Where will the camp be held?

The camp will be held at The College of New Jersey in Ewing NJ.

5b) What is the address of the campsite?

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5c) How do I get to the campsite?

Directions are available on the TCNJ website

<http://tcnj.pages.tcnj.edu/about/campus-info/directions-to-tcnj/>

5d) Whom do I contact if I get lost along the way?

Please contact one of the volunteers listed at the bottom of this document.

5e) The camp ends at 1:00 pm on Saturday, but I am busy and will not be able to pick up my son/daughter until the evening. What do I do?

Please send an email to shraddha@sanskritabharatiusa.org notifying us that you will be picking up your teen late and we will accommodate him/her until the evening.

5f) Are there any other teens going to the camp from my area with whom I could carpool or fly?

If you are interested in carpooling or booking tickets together, please either send an email to shraddha@sanskritabharatiusa.org, or contact one of the volunteers listed at the bottom of the document and we will put you in touch with the other participants from your area.

5g) Where is the closest airport?

The closest airport is the EWR Newark Airport. If your teen is traveling by plane to the camp, we recommend s/he fly into this airport.

5h) Is there any transportation from the airport to the campsite?

Sanskrita Bharati has volunteers who will provide transportation from the airport to the camp site. Please send an email with the flight itinerary to shraddha@sanskritabharatiusa.org and we will arrange for pick up/drop off to the airport.

5i) What if the only flight available reaches the night before the camp starts, or will be leaving the day after the camp ends?

Please send an email to shraddha@sanskritabharatiusa.org notifying us of the arrival and departure dates and we will provide accommodation.

5j) Do some airlines charge fees for children under 15 traveling alone?

Some airlines do and others do not. If you are flying to the camp, please be sure to check the airline regulations before buying your ticket. If you run across any issues with additional fees, please either send an email to shraddha@sanskritabharatiusa.org, or contact one of the volunteers listed at the bottom of this document.



6) Facilities

6a) How are the lodging facilities?

The rooms consist of a dresser, desk, closet, and four beds. The TCNJ campus provides does not provide linens for the bedroom or towels for bathroom. So, students will have to bring a pillow, bed spread and blanket/comforter.

The bathroom has a shower, sink and toilet. There is no air conditioning in the rooms. Though the weather in Ewing, NJ is not expected to be hot, it would be a little humid. Students may choose to bring a box/pedestal fan. Also, there are no study lights and so students should bring a desk lamp. There will be a counselor for every four to five teens, who will also be staying in the same or nearby buildings. Girls and boys will be accommodated in separate buildings. More details of the lodging will be provided later.

6b) Is there electricity in the buildings? Do the buildings have internet access?

Yes, all the buildings have electricity with electrical sockets to plug in appliances. There are a few computers in the recreation building with internet access which will be available for all the teens to use. The building also has a wireless network, however, we strongly discourage teenagers from bringing laptops as they are expensive technology and neither Samskrita Bharati nor TCNJ is responsible in the case that something happens to the laptops.

6c) Both my teenagers are attending. Should they pack separate bags?

Yes, please pack separate bags for each teen, as they may be accommodated in separate buildings.

6d) Are there any telecommunication facilities?

The main office has phones. There is good signal coverage for mobile phones also in that area.

6e) What kind of food would be available at the camp?

Morning continental breakfast, Indian Vegetarian Lunch/Dinner, Evening Tea/Coffee/Snacks would be provided at the camp. If your teen has any specific preferences for snacks, please have them bring what they need. Please let us know if your teen has any dietary restrictions or allergies.

6f) Are there any laundry facilities?

There are NO Laundry facilities (washer/dryer) at the campsite. Please bring enough clothing for 7 days.



7) Things to bring/Things not to bring

7a) What are the things to bring for the camp?

- Please plan to pack sleeping bags, blankets, pillows and bed-sheets as necessary. TCNJ will be providing the bed and the mattresses.
- Toiletry items (toothpaste & toothbrush, soap, comb, towels etc.), items of personal hygiene
- Personal prescription medicine (please notify us if your teen will be bringing prescription medications)
- Seasonal clothing (Please check the 7 day forecast before coming)
- Loose-fitting clothing - for Yoga sessions
- Laundry bag
- Shoes/Sneakers
- Refillable water bottle
- Mosquito/Insect Repellent
- Personal alarm clock
- Flashlight
- Umbrella/raincoat
- Notebooks, Pens/Pencils • Indian clothing for the cultural events in the evenings

Optional:

- Any musical instruments - To participate in cultural events
- Camera

7b) What kind of clothing is necessary?

In New Jersey, weather can be hot and humid in the morning. Please bring summer clothing to wear. Also, since we have yoga/meditation session every morning, please pack some loose-fitting clothes and a yoga mat or beach towel. A poncho, umbrella, or raincoat would also be useful in case of rain. Informal Indian clothing is encouraged, especially for the evening programs.

7c) What should my teen NOT bring?

Any expensive items such as, jewelry, TV, iPODs, video games etc. These items can break or be lost easily in the camp. Similarly, hair dryers, curling irons and other personal appliances are also strongly discouraged. Any alcohol or tobacco products are strictly prohibited and participants found to have any alcohol or tobacco products will be sent home immediately. Any luggage brought to the camp will be subject to inspection.

8) Health and Safety

8a) Is there a first-aid kit available?

There will be a generic medical kit available at the campsite. However, please notify us if your teen has a medical condition and takes medication on a regular basis. Please also have your teen bring his/her medications to the camp.



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General Information

- Please be sure to bring authorization and disclosure forms with you on the day of the camp.
- Please notify us if your teen has any specific medical or dietary needs.
- Smoking and alcohol are prohibited at any point during the camp.
- Quiet Time: 10:00pm – 6am.
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Please contact us if you have any questions: shraddha@sanskritabharatiusa.org

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Additional information about Shraddha 2017 is available at: www.sanskritabharatiusa.org