

# jāhnavī 2019 - Residential Samskritam Camp

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

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All are welcome. NO prior knowledge of Samskritam is required.

**Note:** Those under the age of 18 **needs** to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

**2. When will the camp start and when will it end?**

The camp will start on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, 6 am and end on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 at 12 noon. Check-in starts 6:00 PM on Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Please ensure that the registration, consent and medical emergency forms have been signed when you check in. (They will be available through the jāhnavī 2019 /google groups. They would also be uploaded in the website, under the Downloads section).

Limited dinner will be served from 8:00 PM to 9:00PM on Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 for those who are in long travel and could not get time to eat. If you plan on arriving late and need the dinner, please inform us through jaahanavii@samskritabharatiusa.org

**3. What is the fee for the camp?**

The fee for the camp covers lodging, food and study materials. Please refer to the table below regarding discounts for early registration.

**2019 Fees**

Date of Registration	Single Person Total \$	Family of Two Total \$	Family of Three Total \$	Family of Four Total \$	Family of Five Total \$	Full Time College Student
Early Through July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	US\$ 225	US\$ 450	US\$ 550	US\$ 690	US\$ 860	US\$ 169
Regular: From July 23 <sup>rd</sup> to August 8 <sup>th</sup>	US\$ 269	US\$ 538	US\$ 650	US\$ 799	US\$ 999	US\$ 195
Late From August 9 <sup>th</sup> to August 21 <sup>st</sup>	US\$ 299	US\$ 598	US\$ 720	US\$ 899	US\$ 1110	US\$ 220

\*Date of registration is when the *payment* is made

\*\* **Family is considered as adults with same residential address (will be verified) and children of age 3 or more together.**

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\*\*\**Children* attending the camp must be accompanied by a parent(s)/guardian. Children will be supervised during the times **ONLY** when parents are attending classes; at all other times, children's custody and safety will be parent's responsibility.

Full time college student, who is availing the special fee above; has age of 18 and above, should be, attending the camp by herself / himself. A valid student ID should be presented in the camp if needed

The Family group discount is for the family with immediate relatives, with same residential address (will be verified). Exceptions should be approved by camp organizers, before the registration.

As children less than three years of age may not like to stay away from their parents, we do not have special classes for them. However, if the parents of those children agree to volunteer their time, they can take turns to be with the children. There is no babysitting facility available in the camp.

#### 4. How do I register?

Please use the registration link at [www.sanskritabharatiusa.org](http://www.sanskritabharatiusa.org) and complete the step by step registration.

**Note:** Last date for registration: **Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> 2019.**

#### 5. When is the registration complete?

Registration is complete only after the payment is made, either through PayPal or credit card.

#### 6. What is the cancellation policy?

Cancellation requests have to be made in writing by sending an email [jaahnavii@sanskritabharatiusa.org](mailto:jaahnavii@sanskritabharatiusa.org)

The subject should have 'Cancellation Request' in the subject.

- Requests made by Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 will be eligible for a full refund.
- Requests made between July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be eligible for a 75% refund.
- Requests made between August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 will be eligible for a 50% refund.
- Requests made between August 18<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 will be eligible for a 25% refund.
- After August 26<sup>th</sup> 2019, no refund requests will be considered.

#### 7. Can we arrive on August 31<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) or later?

**No.** All camp participants should report at the camp by **Friday August 30<sup>th</sup>**. We highly discourage participants from coming late, as they will be missing classes (it will be difficult to catch up with the rest of the class) and other activities. The camp activities begin early morning on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. If, due to unavoidable circumstances, you are unable to arrive on Friday night, you must contact and inform one of the volunteers (names and phone numbers are given at the end of this FAQ).

**8. What is the address for the camp?**

Radisson Hotel Piscataway,  
21 Kingsbridge Rd, Piscataway, NJ-08854  
ph: (732)-980-0400  
<http://www.radisson.com/piscataway-hotel-nj-08854/njpisca>

**9. Whom do I call if I have any problems reaching campsite?**

If you have any problems reaching the campsite, please contact one of the volunteers listed at the end of this FAQ.

**10. What are the directions?**

Please check the link at [Directions to Camp](#)

**11. Which is the nearest airport?**

Newark Liberty International Airport, Newark, NJ. (preferred as it is the NEAREST)  
LaGuardia International Airport NY  
John F Kennedy Airport NY

**12. Which is the nearest train station?**

The nearest train stations to the camp location are Bound Brook, Edison and Metropark train stations. These stations are served by NJ Transit and/or Amtrak. NJ Transit trains connect to Amtrak in New York Penn Station and Newark Penn station. Please visit NJtransit.com and Amtrak.com for more information. You can inform your arrival timings to our volunteers to see if you can be picked up from one of these three train stations to the camp site. Alternatively, taxicabs are available for transportation to camp.

**13. Are there any transportation services provided by Samskrita Bharati?**

Transportation is participants' responsibility. However, Samskrita Bharati volunteers/students coming in from different areas will try to accommodate any reasonable request, if possible. We strongly encourage and solicit help of all participants, who can offer a ride to other participants in their area or en route. If you can help, or need help, please [contact us](#), indicating the number of participants you can accommodate, or, who need to be accommodated. A volunteer will be assigned to co-ordinate such arrangements.

**14. What should I do when I arrive at the camp?**

Follow the signs to the registration desk for Jāhnavī. Several Samskrita Bharati volunteers will be there at the campsite from **6pm on Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 2019**.

**15. Can I just attend during the day and skip staying there at night?**

**No**, we require all participants to enroll as residential campers only. We strongly believe that this facilitates learning through a complete immersion into Samskritam experience for all attendees.

**16. What are the different levels of classes?**

- Classes range from beginner to advanced levels.
- The syllabus is designed to foster a highly-interactive learning experience.
- No prior knowledge of Samskritam is required at the beginner level.
- There will be separate classes for children and adults.

If you have questions regarding the appropriate level for you or your family members, please contact one of our volunteers. Also, at the start of the camp, instructors would work with all students to evaluate their appropriate level in order to maintain class homogeneity.

#### 17. Who will teach?

Experienced instructors, from Samskrita Bharati India and USA will be teaching.

#### 18. Do you provide Course material?

Yes, course material in the form of handouts will be provided. Books will be available for purchase at the campsite. You may bring any Samskritam books or study material that you may have for your reference.

#### 19. What kind of classes would children attend?

There would be separate classes for children, customized to include study and play, grouped by age. They would be taught basic conversation skills in Samskritam, Devanagari script writing, and pronunciation. Children who have prior Samskritam knowledge and are ready to learn further will be integrated with the beginners/intermediate levels as appropriate.

As children less than three years of age may not prefer to stay away from their parents, we do not have special classes for them. However, if the parents of those children agree to volunteer their time and take turns to be with the children, there might be a separate class arranged with a Samskrita Bharati volunteer to engage those children.

#### 20. What kind of clothing should I bring?

Though it is summer, be prepared for a sudden drop in temperature and rain. Please check the weather forecast prior to arrival.

#### 21. What should I bring and NOT bring to Camp?

##### Things to bring:

- Toiletry items (Tooth paste & brush, Soap, comb, towels etc., items of personal hygiene)
- Personal prescription medicine
- Some warm clothing
- Loose clothing (Yoga sessions)
- Laundry bag
- Shoes/Sneakers
- Plastic water bottle
- Personal alarm clock
- Flashlight
- Umbrella/raincoat/poncho
- Notebooks, Pens/Pencils

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- Samskrita books if you already have –Gitasopanam book set, bhaashapraveshaa book set, abhyaasapustakam, abhyaasadarshinii, vibhakitvallari, samaasaH, sandhiH (some of these will be useful depending on the class you will be attending).
- Yoga mats (We will have Yoga classes in the morning)

**Optional:**

- Any kind of audio recorders - To record any teaching sessions
- Any musical instruments – To participate in cultural events
- Indian Clothing for the cultural events in the evening
- Camera,
- Camcorder
- Chargers for any battery operated equipment in use.

**Things NOT to bring:**

Please do not bring expensive jewelry and other valuables. Also, please do not bring Video Games, iPods, 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. Samskrita Bharati is not responsible for any items that are lost on the camp site.

**22. Should we pack the bags separately within a family?**

Mostly the family would be staying together. You may pack bags together for the family.

**If you are a single registrant; you will be sharing a room with two double/queen beds with another attendee of the same gender.** We will introduce you to your roommate at the time of checking in at the camp venue

**23. Do you have Laundry facilities?**

There may be laundry facilities available in the hotel, which are separately, paid services, not included in the camp fee, but it would be advisable to bring enough clothing for 4 days so that time is best spent in learning Samskritam.

**Standard rooms with beds, attached bathroom would be available.**

**24. Are there any telecommunication facilities?**

There is good cell phone coverage. However, we request people to use their cell phones only for emergencies and real necessities. This would help us to stay focused on the learning and avoid distractions during the camp.

**25. What kind of food would be available at the camp?**

Only vegetarian food will be served at all times.

Morning continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, and evening tea/coffee/Snacks will be provided at the camp. If you have any personal preferences for cookies/snacks for yourself or your kids, please bring them with you. You will not have time to go out of the camp for shopping. If you have any allergies, please notify them in the Registration form.

**26. Would there be any first-aid kit available?**

There would be a generic medical kit available at the hotel. However, please bring your personal medicines if you have any special needs. There is no doctor on site.

**27. Where are the nearest convenient store / pharmacy / gas stations located?****Pathmark**

242 Lincoln Blvd  
Middlesex, NJ 08846  
(732) 356-0440

435 Elizabeth Ave  
Franklin Township, NJ  
08873  
(732) 356-8703

940 Easton Ave  
Franklin Township, NJ  
08873  
(732) 828-0139

**ShopRite****Nearby Gas Stations****Exxon**

1830 Easton Ave  
Franklin Township, NJ  
08873  
(732) 469-0231

**Stop & Shop****Speedy Mart**

1830 Easton Ave  
Somerset, NJ 08873  
(732) 271-0369

**Royal Gas & Go Inc**

595 River Rd  
Piscataway Township, NJ  
08854  
(732) 885-3419

We strongly suggest that you purchase whatever is required ahead of time so that you do not have to miss any camp activity. We do not encourage people leaving the camp site. This will be a problem with the liability insurance.

**28. Is there any medical assistance nearby?****Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset**

110 Rehill Ave  
Somerville, NJ 08876  
(908) 685-2200

**Doctors Express Bound Brook (Urgent Care)**

601 W Union Ave  
Bound Brook, NJ 08805  
(732) 469-3627

**29. What is a typical day at camp?**

The day at camp start with group yoga, prayers, and subhashitams. Then progress with classes during the day time. Evening time will be with prayers, talks and recreational activities. Everything will be in Sanskrit. Breakfast, lunch, snacks, coffee, and dinner would be served.

However, the final schedule will be decided before the start of the camp & published at the campsite

**General Information**

- Please fill and sign the registration/consent/insurance form (one per family) and submit at the registration desk during check in. This form maybe downloaded by clicking on this link (would be made available soon).
- Other than during classes, keep your children under your supervision, as it is easy for children to get lost in the camp facility.
- No Pets are allowed.
- Ample parking facilities are available.

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- Alcohol is prohibited in camp site. Smoking is discouraged and is not permitted inside camp buildings, and is confined to designated outdoor areas indicated by Samskrita Bharati volunteers.
- Quiet Time: 10pm – 5am
- Please report any facility issues, repairs, accidents, incidents, injuries and illnesses to any Samskrita Bharati volunteer.
- Attending the class and all other events in the camp is **mandatory**. Any exceptions should be approved by camp organizers. Selectively attending some sessions are not permitted. Violation of this policy can lead to termination of the camp participation

Feel free to visit [explore area link](#) to learn more about the camp surroundings. We hope the above information has been useful to you. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact any of the volunteers listed below.

### 30. I am attending as a single participant. Is accommodation shared?

Yes, you will be sharing a room with two double/queen beds with another attendee of the same gender. We will introduce you to your roommate at the time of checking in at the camp venue.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, email [jaahnavii@sanskritabharatiusa.org](mailto:jaahnavii@sanskritabharatiusa.org) or contact any of the following Samskrita Bharati volunteers!

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 Suresh.S: 917-971-0871;  
 Madhav Sapre: 609-378-5606;  
 Deepa Iyer: 480-277-5839  
 Shivaprasad Bhuvanendran: 646-438-2842;  
 Anantha Krishnan: 508-801-8792;  
 Ravi Shankar: 919-522-6244  
 Sudarshan: 412-608-5481;  
 Sam Mohan: 978-399-8102

Please visit Samskrita Bharati website for activities in your area  
<http://www.sanskritabharatiusa.org>

**We look forward to seeing you at the jāhnavī saṁskṛta-śībīram.**

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