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## Kaveri Residential Samskritam Camp

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## What is Kāverī?

Kāverī is a family-oriented residential Samskritam camp held during Sep 5-7, 2015 in Saratoga, California (15 miles from San Jose). It is designed by Samskrita Bharati to impart Samskritam language skills using modern teaching techniques in a fun, friendly, interactive and informal atmosphere. [Back to top](#)

## 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 students<sup>1</sup>. *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. This year 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 Walden West Science Center, 15555 Sanborn Road, Saratoga, CA 95070. Phone: (408) 573-3050; <http://www.sccoe.org/waldenwest/facility/>

**Directions to Walden West Science Center** - Take Highway 9 (Big Basin Way) from Saratoga, towards the Santa Cruz Mountains. Turn left at Sanborn Road (near Saratoga Springs). Make first right at the Walden West sign. Stay right after the stone columns and turn right into Walden West. [Back to top](#)

## When will the camp start / end?

Registration: 8:00 AM on Saturday Sep 5th.

Instruction/Camp ends: 2:00 PM on Monday Sep 7th.

On Saturday Sep 5th, breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. [Back to top](#)

## What is the airport closest to the campsite?

San Jose International Airport (SJC) is the closest airport located 18 miles North of Point Walden West Center. San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is another option (40 miles North of Point Walden West Center). [Back to top](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Anyone, regardless of background, is welcome to attend. However, our syllabus makes frequent use of Sanskrit 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?

First Adult (18 & up)	\$230
Each Additional Adult	\$200
Seniors or Visiting Parents	\$150
Children (Ages 4-17)	\$100
Children (Ages 3 & Under)	\$50

**Note: Adults get a discount of \$25 if booked on or before Aug 23, 2015 (Not applicable to Seniors, Visiting Parents and children)**

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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 Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – 75% of the remaining fees.

Cancellation between Aug 15<sup>th</sup> and Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – 50% of the remaining fees.

Cancellation between Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> and Aug 30<sup>th</sup> – 25% of the fees.

Cancellation after Aug 31<sup>st</sup> or no-show at the camp – no refund. [Back to top](#)

## How do I register?

Please go to <http://www.sanskritabharatiusa.org> and follow the instructions to register. If you have any questions, or have any problems registering, please contact us. [Back to top](#)

## Can I arrive later or leave on Saturday?

No. All participants should arrive before 8:00 AM on Saturday and must stay through 2pm on Monday. If you absolutely cannot arrive on before 8:00 AM on Saturday, please contact us. If you cannot stay until the end of the camp (2 PM on Monday), you cannot attend this residential camp.

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## 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 (2 PM on Monday). [Back to top](#)

## 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,

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## What do I do once I arrive at the camp?

Follow the signs for “Kāveri” and arrive at the registration desk. Samskrita Bharati volunteers will be present at the campsite on Saturday from 8:00 AM onwards. [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?

If you are a Samskrita Bharati student, please discuss this with your teacher. You can also contact us for more information. [Back to top](#)

## 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. [Back to top](#)

## 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 one of the Bay Area vegetarian restaurants. Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided during break time. If you have a preference for snacks for yourself or your kids, please bring them with you. You will not have time to go shopping during the camp. [Back to top](#)

## What are the lodging facilities?

Participants will sleep in lodges (dormitories) equipped with electricity and hot running water. Mattresses will be provided on dormitory style bunk beds. You will need to bring pillows, bed sheets and blankets. [Back to top](#)

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## Should family members pack their belongings separately?

Since men and women will be housed separately, their belongings should be packed separately. All children will stay with one of their parents / guardians. [Back to top](#)

## What kind of clothing should I bring?

Saratoga has varied weather especially during Memorial Day 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:

Sheets, pillows, pillowcases and blankets.

Toiletries – Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, towels etc

Personal prescription medicine

Warm clothing

Loose-fitting clothing (Yoga sessions)

Laundry bag

Shoes/sneakers

Refillable water bottle

Insect repellent

Alarm clock

Flashlight

Wet weather gear (umbrella / raincoat / poncho)

Class materials – notebooks, pens, pencils, binder

Optional Items:

Reference books – abhyāsa-pustakam, bhāṣā-praveśa etc.

Musical instruments (to participate in the cultural program)

Indian-style clothing for the cultural program in the evening

Camera & film

Chargers for battery operated electronics (there are a couple of outlets in each room)

A small quiet fan [Back to top](#)

## What should I leave at home?

Expensive jewelry and other valuables.

Televisions, radios, cassette players, video games, iPods

Hair dryers, curling irons and similar personal appliances [Back to top](#)

## Will there be cell phone reception?

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The campsite has limited intermittent cell phone coverage. [Back to top](#)

## What is a typical day at the camp?

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

05:45 – 06:30 AM	जागरणम्	jāgaraṇam	Wake-up
06:30 – 07:30 AM	प्रातः स्मरणम् / योगकक्ष्या	prātaḥ smaraṇam / yogakakṣyā	Morning prayers, Yoga class
07:30 – 08:00 AM	स्नानम्	snānam	Bath
08:00 – 08:45 AM	अल्पाहारः	alpāhāraḥ	Breakfast
08:55 – 10:20 AM	प्रथम-कक्ष्या	prathama-kakṣyā	First class
10:20 – 10:30 AM	विरामः	virāmaḥ	Break
10:30 – 11:55 AM	द्वितीय-कक्ष्या	dvitīya-kakṣyā	Second class
12:00 – 1:15 PM	भोजनम्	bhojanam	Lunch
1:20 – 2:20 PM	तृतीय-कक्ष्या	ṭṛtīya-kakṣyā	Third class
2:20 – 2:30 PM	चायपान-विरामः	cāyapāna-virāmaḥ	Tea Break
2:30 – 4:00 PM	चतुर्थ-कक्ष्या	caturtha-kakṣyā	Fourth class
4:00 – 4:10 PM	चायपान-विरामः	cāyapāna-virāmaḥ	Tea break
4:10 – 5:10 PM	पञ्चम-कक्ष्या	pañcama-kakṣyā	Fifth class
5:10 – 5:45 PM	क्रीडाः	krīḍāḥ	Games
5:45 – 6:00 PM	प्रक्षालनम्	prakṣālanam	Freshen up
6:00 – 7:00 PM	भोजनम्	bhojanam	Dinner

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7:10 – 8:00 PM	प्रवचनम्	pravacanam	Lectures
8:00 – 9:00 PM	मनोरञ्जन- कार्यक्रमाः	manorañjana- kāryakramāḥ	Entertainment Programs
9:00 – 9:30 PM	निद्रार्थ विरामः	nidrārtham virāmaḥ	Disperse for bed
9:30 PM – 5:45 AM	निद्रा-समयः	nidrā-samayaḥ	Quiet time for sleep

(Morning activities before 8:55 AM only on Sun and Mon and afternoon activities after 1: 15 PM only on Sat and Sun). [Back to top](#)

## Will there be first-aid supplies on camp?

The camp will have a generic medical kit. If you require any medication, please make sure to bring it with you. [Back to top](#)

## What are the Walden West Center's rules for this camp?

Participants must fill and sign the registration / consent form to participate in the camp. All participants must remain on Walden West premises for the duration of the camp. All participants must follow the instructions of Walden West 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?

Please contact any of our camp coordinators whose contact information is given here.

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