Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

1) Eligibility

1a) Who can attend?

SAFL conducted Prajnaa or Shraddhaa residential summer camp is mandatory for students who registered for SAFL classes for the 2019-20 academic year. SAFL summer camps are open to only those who registered for SAFL.

a) Level 1 Residential Camp course SAMS 099 is required for admission to first year SAFL (100 level courses, SAMS 101 and SAMS 102).

b) Level 2 Residential Camp course SAMS 103 is required for admission to second year SAFL (200 level courses, SAMS 201 and SAMS 202).

c) Level 3 Residential Camp course SAMS 203 is required for admission to third year SAFL (300 level course, SAMS 301 and SAMS 302).

d) Camp waivers are granted when certain prerequisites/eligibility criteria are satisfied. Please refer to SAFL FAQ for details.

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

The grade range for students attending the camp and SAFL classes should be 8-12 (by Fall 2019).

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 students 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?
● Registration fee for Shraddhaa camp is $500. Registration for the camp is done along with SAFL 2019-20 registration. Students must register for both camp and SAFL 2019-20 registration by May 31, 2019. Please note that there is an early bird discount of $50 for SAFL 2019-20 registration if you register by April 30, 2019.

● Sibling discounted rate for camp - $450. Register separately for each sibling and send registration confirmation emails to safl@samskritabharatiusa.org for claiming sibling discount.

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.

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

Participants who will be flying to attend the camp may be eligible for a travel grant, provided the cost of the flight ticket is greater than $150. Those who qualify for the travel grant will receive $50 grant for tickets over $150, $100 for tickets over $200, $150 for tickets over $300, $200 for tickets over $400 and $250 for tickets over $500. 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 shraddhaa web page, attach a copy of the itinerary with the cost of the ticket, and email to shraddhaa@samskritabharatiusa.org

Participants who complete 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 emailing shraddhaa@samskritabharatiusa.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 31, 2019** - $50 reduction in refund.
- **Cancellation after June 1, 2019 and on or before June 15, 2019** - $100 reduction in refund.
- **Cancellation after June 15, 2019 or no show at the camp** - $150 reduction in refund.

2d) I’ve completed the basic registration, how do I sign the required authorization forms?

A few weeks after registration is complete, you will be sent a separate email with the required forms. Please sign them and return as per instructions. Students cannot participate in the camp without those authorization forms.
2e) When will the camp start?
Camp registration will begin at 11:30am on Sunday, July 7 2019. Camp activities will officially begin around 1:30 pm after lunch. The camp will end on Saturday, July 13 2019 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 email shraddhaa@samskritabharatiusa.org or contact one of the volunteers (names and phone numbers are given at the end of this document)

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 email shraddhaa@samskritabharatiusa.org , 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.

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Sanskritam As a Foreign Language (SAFL)

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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 held in the Cromwell Hall Lounges and Brower Student Center.

4d) Will course material be provided?

Yes, course material in the form of handouts will be provided. 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?

2000 Pennington Road Ewing, NJ 08628-0718

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?
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 shraddhaa@samskritabharatiusa.org ahead of the day of pick up to make some alternate arrangements for pick up.

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 shraddhaa@samskritabharatiusa.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?

Samskrita Bharati has volunteers who will provide transportation from the airport to the camp site and back. Please send an email with the flight itinerary to shraddhaa@samskritabharatiusa.org and we will arrange for pick up/drop off to the airport. Please note- pick can be provided from (Newark) EWR airport only by local New Jersey volunteers.

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 shraddhaa@samskritabharatiusa.org notifying us of the arrival and departure dates and we will try to make arrangements with local NJ volunteers. (Please contact us prior to purchasing the tickets.)

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 shraddhaa@samskritabharatiusa.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?
There is good signal coverage for mobile phones in the 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, computer, iPod, 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.

General Information
• Please be sure to sign the authorization and disclosure forms before start of 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.
Please contact us if you have any questions: shraddhaa@samskritabharatiusa.org

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Additional information about Shraddhaa 2019 is available at: www.samskritabharatiusa.org