



Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America presents

2014 VIVEKANANDA FAMILY CAMP

Camp FAQ



Q1. I am not a member of Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America (VHPA). Is my family eligible to attend Camp?

A1. Yes, most definitely, you can attend Camp. If you are not a member, you will be granted membership for one (1) year by attending Camp. If you are already a member, your membership will be extended for one (1) more year by attending Camp.

Q2. May I or my children attend Camp for part of the week instead of the whole session?

A2. No. All attendees must commit to stay for the full session (full week) of Camp. Registered attendees are not allowed to leave camp part way through Camp unless granted special permission from Camp Doctor and/or Camp Director.

Q3. How may I save money when I register for Camp?

A3. There are a few ways you may save money when registering for Camp. Please refer to the Information/Rules/Regulations document for more details.

- **By submitting the application by the Early Registration date.**
- **By having at least one (1) parent attend Camp along with the camper in which case the camper's fee is lowest amount.**
- **By having a family refer a first time attendee in which case the referring family receives a discount. The referring family must attend Camp in order to receive the discount.**
- **By having need of assistance in case of genuine financial hardship in which case you may contact a Regional Area Coordinator or Camp Registrar.**

Q4. As a parent, may my children stay with me in the same tent/cabin?

A4. Only accompany children who are under 8 years of age may stay in the same tent/cabin as the parent. If there is a medical reason, the Camp Doctor must be notified and must approve the arrangement.

Q5. Neither I nor my spouse can attend Camp, may my children still attend Camp?

A5. Vivekananda Family Camp is family camp where family values are one of the important values imparted at Camp. We highly encourage at least one (1) parent to attend Camp. However, a guardian may be designated by the parent to take responsibility of the children for duration of Camp. Note that the fee for that camper is higher.

Q6. My child has just graduated from college. May my child attend Camp as a volunteer?

A6. Veteran campers or volunteers who have attended Camp for the past three (3) years are eligible and encouraged to attend Camp as a junior volunteer or volunteer.

Q7. I am coming to Camp as a volunteer. May my relatives/friends join me? May my friends/relatives visit me during Camp?

A7. Only registered attendees are allowed at Camp during the session. Visitors are not allowed while Camp is in session for safety reasons.

Q8. I possess knowledge and/or special skills that may be very useful to impart to the children. Even though I do not wish to stay for the whole Camp session, may I still come to Camp on some days to teach the children?

A8. Such a person must contact a Camp Committee member, a Regional Area Coordinator, or Camp Registrar and make the desire known. Based on Camp needs, the person may be allowed to teach. However, the person must pay the volunteer fee in this case.

Q9. Is there a dress code during Camp?

A9. Yes. Please refer to the Information/Rules/Regulations document for details. Attendees should bring and wear Indian attire for Aarti and nightly Cultural Program.

Q10. How is safety maintained/ensured at Camp?

A10. A safety committee is dedicated to maintain safety at Camp. All attendees are made aware of safety rules and procedures at start of Camp that must be followed for duration of Camp. Camp Doctor is also on duty at all times for duration of Camp.

Q11. May I bring mobile phone or other electronic devices/equipment to Camp?

A11. Campers are not allowed to bring such devices to Camp. If a camper is caught using such a device during Camp activities, Camp authorities reserve the right to confiscate the device for duration of Camp. Camp or any of its officials are not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken devices at Camp.

Q12. Do I need to bring my own food to Camp?

A12. No. All food and drink are provided to all attendees for the cost of the registration fee. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate such on the application and also notify kitchen coordinator upon arrival to Camp.

