

# Sanskrita Bharati Camp Pāṇini 2019

April 15<sup>th</sup>– April 19<sup>th</sup>

SV Lotus Temple

(Address: 12501 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030)

## Frequently asked Questions:

1. What time does drop-off start?

The camp begins at 9:00am and drop-off starts at 8:45am. The camp is in the SV Lotus Temple classrooms. Please come down through the auditorium entrance and drop off your child at the classroom. A volunteer will be available to direct you to the right class-room. Children need to be signed in by an authorized adult during drop off.

2. What time is pick-up?

The camp ends at 4:30pm and we will be vacating the premises at that time. So please make sure that you are there by 4:30pm to pick up your child. Also, please note that if you have asked someone else to pick up your child, we need to be notified in advance. Children need to be signed out by an authorized adult during pick up.

3. Are there any transportation arrangements made by Sanskrita Bharati for the camp?

We do not have any transportation arrangements for this camp. Please note that drop-off and pick-up is your responsibility.

4. Will you be serving snacks and lunch?

**Recess:** There will be two 15 minute breaks in the day – one in the morning & one in the afternoon. Please pack some snacks and water/juice for your child(ren).

**Lunch:** Please pack lunch for your child(ren).

**We will be playing outside during the day also.** Please apply sunscreen (if your child needs it) in the morning before drop off. Children can bring hats / water bottle / wear loose clothing to protect themselves. Also, please make sure to list any food allergies that your child has, in the registration form.

5. Is there a dress code for the camp?

No. Please make sure your child is dressed comfortably in clothing appropriate for yoga, craft activities and play.

6. What materials does my child need to bring to the camp?

Each child should bring in a backpack/bag. **In the backpack, please provide a notebook, pencil, pen, eraser, scissors, glue stick and a box of crayons or color pencils.** A folder with handouts and all other educational/activity related materials will be provided at the camp. This backpack with the content listed above and the folder need to be brought in everyday for the duration of the camp.

7. What will the day be like at the camp? What will be taught?

The classes will begin with a yoga session. Following that, with an interactive and child friendly format, Aksharabhyasam (i.e. understanding pronunciation & recognition of Devanagari script) will be taught to children. Then using the intuitive framework of shlokas, art, science, stories, games and songs, core Samskritam vocabulary and conversations will be taught to children. Children will be immersed in Samskritam throughout the day. If your child already has prior knowledge of Samskritam, we will make sure that we build on their existing knowledge. Please note that we will be taking pictures of the children as they are engaged in various activities at the camp and these pictures may be posted on our website, Facebook page or used as part of marketing materials in the future. If you do not want your child's picture taken, please let us know.

8. Can parents attend the camp?

Though this is a children's camp, we observe an open door policy. We encourage parents to drop in any time and watch the various camp activities and see how easily conversational Samskritam is learnt by the children. The interesting and well-designed activities of the camp will give you many ideas to carry over Samskritam speaking at home. We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for the camp, please send an email [priyabhakthan@gmail.com](mailto:priyabhakthan@gmail.com) or [virginia@sanskritabharatiusa.org](mailto:virginia@sanskritabharatiusa.org)

9. What is the phone number for the camp?

The camp will be held at Lotus Temple (12501 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030) – in their basement. There is no direct line for the camp at the Mandir. Please the on-site coordinator's cell phone if you need to contact us during camp hours.

**For this year the on-site coordinator is : Ms. Priya Bhakthan; Cell Phone - 571 441 3576**

10. What is the fee structure? Are there any discounts available?

Yes, there are discounts available for siblings.

Here are the details:

Early Bird Registration: \$185 (ends March 31<sup>st</sup> )

Registration: \$210 ( April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup> )

Late Registration: \$230 (April 8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> )

Sibling Discounted Rate - \$160

11. Is there a refund if I cancel my registration after paying the fee?

Cancellations for emergency reasons will only be refunded. The request must be made via email to [priyabhakthan@gmail.com](mailto:priyabhakthan@gmail.com) or [virginia@sanskritabharatiusa.org](mailto:virginia@sanskritabharatiusa.org) No refunds given for part attendance.