

## **Important Information for Enrolled Campers**

**Camper Registration starts at 10am.**

### **Arriving to Camp**

If your child is flying to camp please book the reservations so your child arrives between 9am to 4pm into Rochester (ROC) airport. When booking the return flight, please book the departure flight between 11am and 4pm.

If your child is travelling by train or bus, please book their tickets to arrive in Rochester between 9am -4pm and departure between 11am- 4pm.

We will send a shared Google Document for parents to update their child's travel plans. If the camper is flying and is an unaccompanied minor, an adult volunteer will be present at the airport to receive your child when their flight arrives and will be present at the time of departure. We will be able to provide the adult volunteer's name and contact information by email only after the parent has provided the flight information.

There is a travel fee of \$25 for pick up and \$25 for drop off. If you have not paid the travel fee, please write a check to Hindu Heritage Summer Camp and mail it to:

Hema Bhaskaran  
8 Tenbury Way  
Fairport, NY 14450

### **Cabin Placement**

Camp is a place for your child to make new friends and to grow socially. We discourage old friends and siblings from being in the same cabin. However, if you want your child and a friend to be in the same cabin (Cabin Pal), both campers have to make the request for each other in their camper profiles.

Cabin groups are made prior to camp. Girl cabins are arranged by age and Boy cabins are family cabins. Family cabins have a range of ages. We do not make any cabin changes on the first day of camp. Make sure that you have provided us with an accurate date of birth and grade on your child's registration to ensure the correct cabin placement.

### **First Day Procedures**

Campers will be informed of their cabin groups and counselors. After cabin placement, campers will make name tags and begin playing getting to know you games with campers and counselors. Parents will check in at the Registration table to make sure that all the processes have been met. Your child's medical form will be reviewed by the camp Health Director. All camper medications must be handed in at this time. Facility tours will be provided for parents during this time. There will be a welcoming lunch for campers and parents. A Parent Orientation and

Questions and Answers session will be held after lunch. Parents and campers say goodbye after the orientation.

### **Parent Visitation**

Parents are invited on the first Saturday of camp for a Special Puja starting at about 7pm.

Parents are also invited the following Sunday at 12 noon. We will have a special Vedic lunch. Campers will walk around the camp chanting Vedic mantras they learned in Sanskrit chanting class. They will also have a special philosophy class focused on the Vedas. Campers will have a silent lunch with campers from the advanced Sanskrit chanting class chanting prayers. The Vedic Lunch program will end around 3pm.

On the second Thursday of the session the campers have a Talent Show. It starts around 7pm.

The following Friday (the last night of camp) we have closing festivities including Aarti and awards for all campers and counselors around 7pm.

On the last day around 11:15am, there will be a short good-bye ceremony where campers share some of the different prayers they learnt at the camp and talk about their experience. Parents are welcome to attend and stay for lunch.

### **Volunteering at Camp**

The Camp can provide overnight accommodations only to the adult volunteers who serve for a minimum of 3 days and 3 nights. For visiting parents, there are many hotels in the area that you can stay at overnight.

### **Phone Policy**

We have a “no cell phone” policy. At the beginning of camp, cell phones will be collected and locked up until the end of camp.

Our Phone Policy allows all campers to call home during the camp session. We will provide camp cell phones for campers to use. Our Phone Policy does not allow incoming calls from parents. Campers are provided time to call their parents or guardians every third day. Counselors will create a schedule so all the campers will be allowed to call their parents or guardians during the camp session. If there is an emergency or if we are concerned about the youth’s well-being, we will contact you immediately. If there is an emergency at home and you must contact your child, please call Dr. Kamath (HHSC President) at [585- 749-0512](tel:585-749-0512).

### **Letter Writing**

We strongly encourage parents and campers to write letters to each other.

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### **What to Bring to Camp**

We have made a list to help pack for camp that can be found on the camp website. Laundry will be done once per session. Clothing should be packed to last at least 9 days. All personal belongings must be confined to ONE suitcase. No closet space is available.