

Welcome to the SHRI MANDIR GURUKUL 2010 Om Ganeshaya Namaha

GURUKUL was launched on Sunday Sept 7, 2008 with the blessings of Lord Ganesha . We are pleased that you have taken the first step in the spiritual education of your children and welcome you to the program

Our main focus is to serve children between the ages of 3 to 15 years. Our aim is to present Hindu cultural values through Bhajans, Slokas, Stories and other related activities to our children. Classes are sponsored by the SHRI MANDIR and run by parents and volunteers. Classes have a nominal enrolment fee.

GURUKUL is divided into 4 groups.

Group Ages (in years)	Duration	Activity
Bala Krishna varg 3 - 5 years	1 hour	Slokas, Bhajan ,Stories and Craft
Yugal Krishna Varg 5 - 8 years	1 hour	Slokas, Bhajan ,Stories
Gopala Krishna Varg 8-12 years	1 hour	Slokas, Bhajan ,Discussion
Venugopala Krishna Varg 12-15 years	1 hour	Slokas, Bhajan ,Discussion

In order to sign-up for the GURUKUL class, please fill in the Enrollment form and give it to the coordinator in a sealed envelope with the registration fee. Please read the guidelines to Parents and Students .

CURRICULUM

In 2010 we are covering various topics:

Bala Krishna varg (approx 3-5 years):

Topic: Divine Children (emphasis on Devotion to God)

Suggested Books

(1) Stories of Divine Children - by Swami Raghaveshananda, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Mylapore - Chennai 600004; Product ID: 8126 - pbk - 40 Pages (Year: 2000) Sri Ramakrishna Math ~ ISBN: 8171205917; Can be purchased from <http://www.indiaclub.com/Shop/SearchResults.asp?ProdStock=8126> (6.00\$)

(2) Purna Vidya (Vedic Heritage Teaching Programme) Children's Workbook Part 1: Pancatantra for the Young includes a section on prayers and puja with explanation and eight prayer verses used in the performance of sixteen-step pujas as well as useful guidelines for parents and teachers. The main body of the book includes 21 stories from Pancatantra with illustrations on all the pages suitable for coloring. Price-7.00 Phone-570- 992-2339 x567

<http://books.arshavidya.org/cgi-bin/process/shop/display/main?type=display&subtype=category&arg=category&value=Arsha%20Vidya%20Books%2C%20Audio%20%26%20Video>

3) Purna Vidya (Vedic Heritage Teaching Programme) Children's Workbook Part 2: Puranic Tales for pre-schoolers includes 17 of the most popular tales from Puranas plus illustrations on almost every page suitable for coloring . It also contains guidelines for parents and teachers as well as a prayers section with 5 different verses from the sixteen-step puja
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Required supplies- please provide(you can purchase locally)

Backpack

Binder with three dividers

Ruled paper

Small safety scissors

Two glue sticks(no liquid glue please)

Pencils- 4

Eraser- 1

Ruler- 1 small

Pouch to hold supplies- 1

Crayons- 1 packet

Markers- 1 packet

1 plastic box for supplies(child's name to be marked on it) (this will be left at the mandir with the crayons and markers)

1 book- 365 page journal or any small notebook with 365 pages

2 CDs to record slokas

Please avoid purchasing material with inappropriate language promoting violence.

Please mention "SHRI MANDIR" to get a discount

Yugal Krishna Varg (approx 5-8 years):

Topic: Influential Women of India (mainly from our Puranas)

Suggested Books

(1) Great Women of India (Set of 5 pictorial Books) Product ID: 19736 - Paperback - 140 Pages (Year: 2006), Sri Ramakrishna Math ~ ISBN: 8178231662; Can be purchased from <http://www.indiaclub.com/shop/SearchResults.asp?ProdStock=19736> (11.75\$)

2)(**Juniors**) Purna Vidya (Vedic Heritage Teaching Programme) Children's Workbook Part 3 : Ramayana

Format: PB 97 Pages

Publication Date: 2005

Price: \$6.00 Phone-570- 992-2339 x567

[http://books.arshavidya.org/cgi-](http://books.arshavidya.org/cgi-bin/process/shop/display/main?type=display&subtype=category&arg=category&value=Arsha%20Vidya%20Books%2C%20Audio%20%26%20Video)

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Required supplies- please provide(you can purchase locally)

Backpack

Binder with three dividers

Ruled paper

Small safety scissors

Two glue sticks(no liquid glue please)

Pencils- 4

Pens- 4

Eraser- 1

Ruler- 1 small

Pouch to hold supplies- 1

Crayons- 1 packet

Markers- 1 packet

1 book- 365 page journal or any small notebook with 365 pages

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Gopala Krishna Varg (approx 8-12 years old)

Topic: Influential Women of India (mainly from our Puranas)

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(11.75\$)

(2) Purna Vidya (Vedic Heritage Teaching Programme) Children's Workbook
Part 4 : Bhagavata Purana

Format: PB 130 Pages

Publication Date: 2005

Price: \$6.00 Phone-570- 992-2339 x567

<http://books.arshavidya.org/cgi-bin/process/shop/display/main?type=display&subtype=category&arg=category&value=Arsha%20Vidya%20Books%2C%20Audio%20%26%20Video>

(3) Purna Vidya (Vedic Heritage Teaching Programme) Children's Workbook
Part 6 : Values

Format: PB 128 Pages

Publication Date: 2005

Price: \$6.00

<http://books.arshavidya.org/cgi-bin/process/shop/display/main?type=display&subtype=category&arg=category&value=Arsha%20Vidya%20Books%2C%20Audio%20%26%20Video>

Required supplies- please provide(you can purchase locally)

Backpack

Binder with three dividers

Ruled paper

Pens- 4

Whiteout - 1

Pouch to hold supplies- 1

Markers- 1 packet

2 CDs to record slokas

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The website is being updated

The Bhajan and Sloka materials to be used for the classes in 2010 are as follows:

Bhajans: GURUKUL Bahajan Book -handouts given by the teacher.

Slokas: Purna Vidya - (Vedic Heritage Teaching Programme) 3rd edition Full Set: 12 Childrens Workbooks, Puja & Prayers Book; choice of 3 cassette tapes or one MP3 audio for the Puja & Prayers book chantings; plus 10 Guidelines for Teachers covering every major topic included in the program. and handouts given by the teacher. Phone-570- 992-2339 x567 Cost- \$120 (*You don't have to purchase this- handouts will be given*)

Please keep all handouts carefully in a folder.

There are some selected recordings of the Bhajans and Slokas available - downloadable from GURUKUL web-site <http://www.shrimandir.com> Please make sure that you download them and play them for your children on a regular basis. This will be of great help to the children and increase their self-confidence and their willingness to participate.

Please make sure that your children are equipped with the necessary materials, and please make sure that they bring these to class.

The 2010 calendar is available from the web-site of Shri Mandir Temple at <http://www.shrimandir.com>.

GUIDELINES TO PARENTS & STUDENTS

1. Attendance

Attendance will be taken every class and a record of attendance will be maintained. If your child arrives late or you believe your child did not receive credit for attending class, please contact the respective class coordinators on that day and ensure his/her credit for attendance

Attendance credits will be strongly considered towards participation in the Annual Program as well as for attendance appreciation awards. Any child joining mid-year will be considered for Attendance recognition the following year. The decision to allot roles in the Annual Program will be based on several factors - of which attendance is a significant one. So, parents, please make this a priority. We will have an award for children with 100% attendance.

Any child that misses three consecutive classes will be removed from GURUKUL and priority will be given to the next child in the waiting list. This rule will be strictly enforced. Please note the following exceptions to the above "three-consecutive-class rule":

Planned Absence: Parents must notify - in advance - the GURUKUL and respective Class coordinators in writing (e-mail), that their child will not be able to attend and specify the period (e.g. vacations).

Emergencies/sickness; in such a case, please make an effort to let the GURUKUL and respective class coordinators know at the earliest possible opportunity.

Please indicate in the subject of the e-mail: "GURUKUL Absence Notification for Your Child's Full Name".

Notification of absence must be received at least 24 hours before the Class (except for emergencies -) in order for it to be considered. Please call your coordinator if your emergency occurs the day of the class. Please remember

that we only have 34 classes in the school year to teach our kids- so make each class count!

Repeated missing of classes or irregular attendance (except due to emergencies or extended vacation) will result in the removal of the child from GURUKUL Program.

2. Age of Child

In order to provide more attention to our children, we have divided the classes into four groups: 3 - 5 years, 5-8 years, 8-12 years and 12-15 years (kids should have completed the age mentioned before moving to the next class). Please note that children below 3 years will not be admitted to GURUKL.

In the event the child gets restless and/or disruptive, the parent should escort the child outside the class to enable the other children to continue with class undisturbed. We require that parents with children 5 years of age and below attend class with their children.

3. Class Assignment

At the time of registration, children will be assigned to a certain class. Children will be in that class through their attainment of age set for the next class level. Transfers to the next class are primarily based on the age of the child.

4. Parent's Contribution & Responsibilities

GURUKL program is a voluntary program run solely by parent-volunteers. At least one Parent (or individual) is required to volunteer for a minimum of one activity every 2-3 months and will be assigned an activity.

For every child attending the GURUKL class either the parent or a designated adult should be present during the classes. This would help determine the action to be taken during any allergic responses or injuries/accidents during the GURUKL program or in SHRI MANDIR premises. Since this is a volunteer based program, GURUKUL is not responsible for any injuries/accidents during the program so we request you to be present.

5. Enrollment Fee

An Annual nonrefundable fee of \$50.00/child/year (all the GURUKL kids have to pay irrespective of when they join) will be collected as donation to cover materials that the GURUKL purchases for several projects through the year including expenses for children's annual function/ attendance award and Annual picnic. Note: this would avoid taking any contributions from the temple funds.

6. Footwear

All children and parents must leave the footwear outside (on the side) in proper order. Disorderly shoes are an ugly sight; Let us leave our shoes in an orderly manner. Please also encourage others to do the same. This is our temple -let us do our part to keep it clean and orderly and set an example.

7. Safety regulations in the temple and during GURUKUL program

All parents should ensure that their children behave in a safe manner in the temple during the program

Children should not play with electric or electronic equipment in the temple and be aware of loose electric wires.

Children should inform a parents or the class coordinator if unsafe conditions are observed.

Parents should indicate any food allergy while registration and inspect any food being given to the child for any allergens. **We currently have children enrolled with allergy to Milk, Nuts, Cats and pollen/dust so please keep it in mind while scheduling any snacks.**

Children and parents should ensure that Temple premises are brought to their original state in terms of equipment and cleanliness.

Please do not encourage running around in or outside the temple premises - this may result in an injury to your child. Running, fighting, arguments or any act of willful misbehavior will not be tolerated and may lead to the child being removed from the GURUKL program.

Any violation of these guidelines will result in a warning and repeated violators will be asked to leave the GURUKL program.

CODE OF CONDUCT: Please read the Guidelines at

<http://www.shrimandir.com>. Parents are requested to keep strict control on their children:

• No child is allowed to play or "hang out" in the Temple Office room. Any violation will result in a warning, and repeated violators will be asked to leave the GURUKUL program.

Please remember that the GURUKUL is program entirely dependent on dedicated volunteers who are also working parents. Please set an example and enforce the rules to support the coordinators in the spiritual growth and enrichment of our children.

BIRTHDAYS

We will honor all birthdays for the week by recognizing the birthday children of the week and having them pick the "Thought for the day" to read that week. Parents who wish to distribute sweets/goodies are welcome to do so **after class**- please remember we are in a temple where products with eggs are not really encouraged. Please make sure that you include the entire class if you bring any goodies to be distributed.

We sincerely request your cooperation and understanding.

GURUKUL Coordinator Team

To be determined

Purohits at the mandir:

Pandit Ravi Trivedi , Pandit Rajagopalan, Pandit Srikanthji

Sloka/Bhajan/Story Volunteers: Please go through the calendars carefully and mark your assigned dates and make note of what you are presenting. Please correspond with the class coordinators and make sure that you have all the necessary materials for the classes you have been assigned. Your coordinators will email you every Wednesday and will provide the teaching material every Thursday .

Class Coordinators for 2010 (We need volunteers so please sign up)

Your class coordinators are your first point of contact

(We need one more parent per class to be the back up volunteer coordinator for each class)

Balkrishna Varg -3-5 Year class: (9am to 10 am)
Yugal Krishna varg- 5-8 Year old class:

8-12 Year old class:

12-15 Year old class:

Please note: The SHRI MANDIR website is in the process of being updated and will be ready with this information at the start of the GURUKUL program.

Here are some of the FAQs asked by many parents: Please bookmark the link(s) and refer to them frequently.

Q. What is GURUKUL's URL ?

A: <http://www.shrimandir.com>

Q. How is the placement for the children's classes determined?

A. We try to base it solely on age. If a child is not enthusiastic or has learnt most of the material in one class, he/she may be placed in another class based on the coordinators discretion and the parents consent.

Q. Where do I find the Calendar document ?

A <http://www.shrimandir.com> Click on GURUKUL and then click on calendar. Click on "In MS EXCEL" to view the complete year syllabus. Volunteer names can be found here. They are assigned in the beginning of the year on a round robin fashion.

Q. Where do I find Bhajan document & bhajans audio ?

A: <http://www.shrimandir.com> Click on "Bhajan document" Click on individual bhajans for audio recording.

Q. Where do I find slokas audio?

A: <http://www.shrimandir.com> Click on individual slokas

Q. Does GURUKUL follow any Guidelines ?

A: <http://www.shrimandir.com>. Please read the document in its

entirety

Q: What other books do you suggest?

The following set is recommended for any interested parents who want to pursue it further: (We have a copy if you want to Xerox pages)

Purna Vidya - (Vedic Heritage Teaching Programme) 3rd edition Full Set: 12 Childrens Workbooks, Puja & Prayers Book; choice of 3 cassette tapes or one MP3 audio for the Puja & Prayers book chantings; plus 10 Guidelines for Teachers covering every major topic included in the program

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This is a comprehensive set and can be used for many aspects of the GURUKUL program.

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If you are ordering for yourself please check if anyone is interested and share the shipping costs.