

2026 SUMMER YOUTH CAMP INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Families,

Welcome to our annual Youth Camp 2026! The camp is scheduled for **Thursday, August 6 thru Sunday, August 9** at the Hindu Temple (10530 Troy Ln N, Maple Grove, 55311) for youth who are age 8 or older. Youth ages 15+ (and also who have attended camp before) are invited to apply as counselors. We really hope that you can join us for this fun filled, memorable experience that celebrates and honors Indian heritage.

The registration process is all online this year, and there are two components. Payment and Registration. Payment is required **BEFORE** you complete the online registration, as you'll have to enter your confirmation number. The cost of the camp includes all activities, field trips, supplies, snacks, and meals. There is a space limit for the camp and historically, the camp has filled up quite quickly. Spots will be assigned in the order the registrations are received. Please note the additional application requirement for counselors. In addition to the online registration, counselor applicants need to submit this Application Form to secure their spot. If registration & payment is received after the camp has been filled up, youth will be put on the waiting list. Please read this entire document and attached information. We look forward to welcoming you to camp this year. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. If you are interested in volunteering yourself, please contact us for more information.

Regards,

Seema G. Pothini & Gira Vibhakar

Youth Camp Coordinators
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2026 SUMMER YOUTH CAMP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dates	August 6– August 9, 2026 (Thursday-Sunday)
Times (approx)	8:30 AM to 4 PM Thursday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Friday (optional carnival and dance in the evening) 9:00 AM to 4 PM Saturday 9.00 AM to 1 PM on Sunday **A more detailed schedule will be emailed in mid July, once finalized**.
Location	Hindu Mandir, in Maple Grove, Minnesota
Requirements	1. Children must be 8 years old at the start of camp. We welcome our alumni who are over 20 to join us as adult volunteers. 2. No other adults or children allowed except registered participants 3. Participants must attend the camp for **ALL** days and times **For the benefit of all campers, NO EXCEPTIONS for these requirements** **Counselor Info:** If you have attended camp before AND you are 15-20 years old, you can apply for the position of Counselor. Please ensure the adult in your house makes a payment, completes the online registration form, and then YOU need to to fill out this counselor information form.
Contact	Seema Pothini or Gira Vibhakar youthcamp@hsmn.org or (612) 940-4498
Cost	**NON-REFUNDABLE**: $ 200 per camper or counselor *The cost includes all meals, activities, & supplies for camp*

- Students will be encouraged to develop new friendships and strengthen existing ones.
- We recognize that youth have busy schedules, but are requiring that **all campers and counselors be present for all four days.** No coming early or leaving late for other activities.
- In early July, a finalized schedule with all activities & additional information about each day will be sent to all registered campers. Please read below for a SAMPLE schedule.
- Only vegetarian food will be served. Please let us know of allergies or other concerns
- All camp activities are for registered attendees only.
- We will be active indoors and outdoors so **tennis/athletic shoes are required.**

Registration Click HERE after reviewing the rest of the document

SAMPLE SCHEDULE (from previous years)

DAY 1

8:30-9:00	Breakfast & Check-In	
9:00-10:00	Morning Meeting:	Blessing, Introductions/Overview of Camp
10:00-10:45	Values Class	*(campers ages 12+)*
10:00-10:45	Cultural Activity	(*campers ages 6-11*)
10:45-11:00	Snack Break	
11:00-11:45	Cultural Activity	*(campers ages 12+)*
11:00-11:45	Values Class	*(campers ages 6-11)*
11:45-12:30	Lunch	
12:30-1:00	Small Group Time (Team building) & Get Ready for Field Trip	
1:00-1:30	Load the Bus for field trip in the metro area	
1:30-3:15	Field trip site team building activities in small groups	
3:15-3:45	Bus Ride Back to the Mandir	
3:45-4:00	Group Picture	
4:00-4:30	Skit Time	
4:30-5:15	End of Day Meeting & Activity	
5:15	Pick Up	

Notes:

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SAMPLE SCHEDULE (from previous years)

DAY 2

9:00-9:20	Breakfast	
9:20-9:45	Morning Meeting `	
9:45-10:30	Values Class	*(campers ages 11+)*
9:45-10:30	Cultural Activity	*(campers, ages 6-10)*
10:30-10:45	Snack	
10:45-11:30	Cultural Activity	*(campers ages 11+)*
10:45-11:30	Values Class	*(campers ages 6-10)*
11:30-12:15	Lunch & Get Ready for Field Trip	
12:15-1:00	Bus Ride to Elm Creek Park Reserve	
1:00-4:00	Elm Creek Programs	
4:00-4:45	Small Group & Skit Practice	
4:45-5:15	Bus ride back to the Mandir	
5:15 -6:15	Dinner and Bingo	
6:15- 8:15	Carnival, Dance & Late Night Snack	
8:30	**Latest pick-up time**	

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DAY 3

8:30-9:00	*Yoga Lesson in the auditorium for campers & counselors (optional)*	
9:00	**Breakfast**	
9:15-10:00	Morning Meeting & Skit Wrap Up	
10:00-10:45	Values Class	(campers, ages 11+)
10:00-10:45	Craft Project for Raksha Bandhan	(campers, ages 6-10)
10:50-11:35	Values Class	(campers, ages 6-10)
10:50-11:35	Craft Project for Raksha Bandhan	(campers, ages 11+)
11:40-12:10	Lunch	
12:10-12:20	Get ready to leave for swimming & load the bus	
12:20-12:45	Bus Ride to athletic complex for team games	
12:45-3:00	Games and activities for teambuilding	
3:00-3:30	Bus ride back to temple	
3:30-4:30	Large group activity and end of day meeting	
4:30	Pick up	

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SAMPLE SCHEDULE (from previous years)

DAY 4

9:00-9:20	**Breakfast**
9:20-9:45	Aarti in the upper level of the temple
9:45-10:00	Group Time & Skit Practice
10:00-11:30	Skit Performance & slideshow – All family members are invited to attend to watch.
11:30-12:00	End of camp meeting
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30-	**Pick Up for those who are NOT going to Valleyfair**
12:30-12:45	Get ready for Valley Fair/Load the Bus
12:45-1:30	Bus Ride to Valleyfair
1:30-6:30	Walk around Vallefair
6:30-7:00	Meet at entrance for check-In and a snack
7:00-7:15	Load the Bus and Leave
8:00 p.m.	Pick up at Mandir

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