

HH Camp 2025

General Information

Duration and Camp Details

How long is the camp?

Camp is July 3rd to July 17th.

What day and place is the check in?

Check in is at Chinmaya International Foundation - on July 3rd 2025.

What is the cost of the camp and what does it include?

The cost of the camp is USD 2100. This includes accommodation, all meals, weekly laundry, 4 days excursion to Brihadeshwara Temple. This cost also includes a one time bus transfer between CIF and Kochi airport at one predetermined time on July 3rd and to Chennai Airport on July 17th (Bus timings will be provided closer to the date so flights can be booked accordingly). Camp cost does not include any medical expenses.

Does the cost include airfare from USA/Canada to Kochi?

Airfare to and from camp location in India is the responsibility of the family. As outlined in the previous question, the camp costs are for the camp related expenses only.

What is the Packing list?

We will be sharing the packing list with all registered campers.

What will be the facilities at camp?

Children will be hosted in AC rooms sharing 2 to a room. They will have a desk each as well as a shared drying rack and a bathroom. Laundry facilities will be made available for students to do their own laundry with assistance from a "Chechi" (Aunties who help around the campus).

Curriculum

What will be the certificate that the child gets at the end of the camp?

The Children will get a Certificate of participation to Introduction to Indian Knowledge Systems from Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth.

What will the children learn when they are at the camp?

This is primarily an academic camp. The children will learn the basics of Indian Knowledge Systems, Vedic math, Astronomy, physics, and chemistry. We will be visiting Mahabalipuram.

The children will also have the ability to participate in ancient Indian martial arts and dance forms, vedic chanting, get service hours and participate in regular Chinmaya Mission activities.

How is this camp different from the STEM based camp in the USA?

The camp focuses largely on Indian Knowledge Systems and their role in ancient but irreplicable Temple Architecture. Featuring perfection in mathematical calculations, principles of physics and chemistry as they come to play in creating massive iconic temples that have withstood several centuries of weathering without the use of modern technology and concrete based construction. An integrative camp, it will also focus on personal development, building strong community relationships and a sense of responsibility in the students as they live together, learn together and travel in a new but ancient country together. It is an experience that can ONLY be gained in Bharat and nowhere else.

Health

My child needs regular medicines administered. How can they be a part of the camp?

The nurse on site can administer medications. However all prescriptions for the duration of the camp will need to be brought to the nurse in a labeled ziploc bag with full instructions.

What if there is a medical emergency? Will there be a doctor on site?

24 Hour Nurse available on site. Contact list for specialist at hand.

Nearest hospital is 25 minutes away and transport is available on site.

My child wets the bed occasionally/sometimes. Can they still come to camp?

Please contact us and we are happy to discuss in a discreet way

Eligibility

Which students are eligible to come to the camp?

Current Balavihar students from all centers are invited to apply for the camp. Please fill up the interest form

What ages of children are allowed to attend camp?

This camp is open to students between 6th and 11th grades. All students must be minimum 12 years old, and should have completed 6th grade by July 1st, 2024 to participate. Students 12th grade and above are encouraged to attend CHYK programing and YEP (Youth Empowerment Programs). Please refer to <https://chykwest.org/yep/> for more information.

Is there an application form to apply for the camp?

Yes- however it is only to discern interest and ability to attend the camp.

Is this camp open to all BV students globally or only from the USA/Canada?

For now the camp is only open to students from Chinmaya Bala Vihar in the USA and Canada. However we are looking to grow the program to include other countries as well.

Is this camp open to BV students from Bharat?

At present this camp is only open to Bala Vihar students from the USA and Canada. We hope to expand the offering in upcoming years.

Is this camp open to non-BV students?

No- this camp is only open to presently enrolled BV students and families.

My child stopped attending BV a few years ago. Can I still send them to this camp?

Please see above. This camp is open to present and active Bala Vihar students and their families.

Travel

I cannot come to Bharat but really want my child to attend camp? Are there Chaperones, or can my child go with someone else?

We do not have chaperones, and parents are requested to arrange for the child to travel to and from Kochi Airport. However, do get in touch with us. If there are some parents traveling from a nearby Chinmaya Mission center then we can request them to help out. However it is solely at the discretion of the parent if they agree to assume responsibility for your child.

How do I contact my child when they are at camp?

There will be a WA group set up for parents and children. You can also call your child at certain times in the day. Parents can stay onsite for an additional fee to cover accommodation and food.

I have relatives living in Kochi/ near the camp location. Does my child have to stay overnight at the camp or can they be a day camper?

For the purpose of this camp, all students are required to stay on campus for the whole duration. This is not a camp for day campers.

Visitation

Can my child leave early to visit family?

This is not possible. Campers should stay and complete the camp.

Can grandparents /family visit the child at the camp?

Visitation is not possible during the camp. Grandparents and family can visit the child the day the child arrives at camp (July 8th) or the day that they are leaving. They can meet at the airport.

Can my child visit grandparent/cousins/family during the duration of a camp?

Given the daily schedule of the camp, the students will be busy from AM to bedtime. Missing sessions will not be possible.

Can my child be released to grandparents/family at the end of the camp?

Yes. The child can be released to family in Bharat as long as it is prearranged with CVV. Families can either pick up a child from the CVV campus or from Kochi airport. However the pick up location, the persons authorized for pick up as well as the time and day will have to be pre-arranged. Passport copies and/or copies of Adhar cards of relatives picking up will have to be submitted in advance. The child will only be released to the person on the submitted documents. Parents will be responsible for independent travel arrangements for the child.

Parents

Are parents allowed to accompany this camp?

We **highly recommend** that parents drop off their children at camp for the best experience and all the programming is child centric. However if necessary parents can stay on campus for an additional cost.

What is the cost for parent boarding?

We are working on this cost and will be updating this section very soon. Please check back. Meanwhile please fill out the Interest Form. Link [here](#).

Are there any activities that are planned for the parents?

At present there are no activities that are planned for the parents. However the Chinmaya International Foundation campus is nearby. Please look at their website to see if there are any courses that might be of interest. <https://chinfo.org>

Can I just stay one night just on drop off and pick up dates at the CVV campus?

If this kind of stay is needed please reach out to us. We will have to consider this on a case by case basis. There will be accommodation cost, and the parent is responsible for the travel outside of the predetermined bus travel to and from Kochi Airport.

I would love to stay on campus but not travel for the Brihadeeswarar Temple Excursion.**What is the cost for that?**

We are working on this cost and will be updating this section very soon. Please check back. Meanwhile please fill out the Interest Form. Link [here](#).

Can I take a course at CIF or take a small Vedanta Module while I'm staying at CVV?

Please look at the CIF website to see if there are any courses that might be of interest.

<https://chinfo.org>