

Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America organizes the

# 2008 VIVEKANANDA FAMILY CAMP

At Tolland, MA: **August 10-16, 2008** (Sun to Sat)

At Tabernacle (Medford), NJ: **August 17-23, 2008** (Sun to Sat)

Enrollment is limited. Apply early to save money and avoid disappointment.



## Purpose

There are two, one week long residential camps where youth can learn about and practice Hindu values while participating in a variety of fun activities with *their peers* in a disciplined and congenial atmosphere. Parents and guardians serve as volunteers/counselors under the guidance of camp organizers. This popular camp has been run for over 25 years in the Northeast. More information is available in the FAQ overleaf and in the instructions for the application forms. Photos from the past camps can be viewed at the web site <http://camps.vhp-america.org>



## Activities

Exercises, **yoga**, classes on Hindu philosophy and practices, crafts and skills (ranging from mehendi to auto maintenance depending on the age group), science experiments. Swimming/**canoeing**, **games** (e.g. Kho, Kabaddi), **cultural programs** put on by campers (dance/drama, music etc.), **campfire**, discussions with eminent people from the community. All youths (ages 8-18) must participate in all the activities planned for them unless excused by the camp doctor/ nurse or camp director.



## Facilities

The camps are held in beautiful, well equipped facilities that are owned/maintained by Girl Scouts of America. They are located in a wooded area by a lake. Boys and girls stay in separate cabins/tents with one or two counselors of the same gender. Hot showers are available. Most of the programs take place in the dining hall/program center building and other smaller buildings. **Vegetarian** meals & snacks (including *Dal*, rice, pizza, tacos, fruits, milk, and cookies) are served.



## Who Can Participate?

Youth ages 8-18 can attend the camp with a parent volunteer who is attending the camp for the whole week. Limited seats are available for youths without participating parents (they pay a higher fee and must appoint an adult guardian who is attending). All age groups participate as below:

**Below 8:** As accompanying children with volunteer parents.

**8-15:** Youth participants.

**16-18:** In Leadership Training program, limited up to 15 participants, by special application. Participants will receive training as well as opportunities to develop leadership skills and a Certificate will be issued upon successful completion.

**Above 18:** As volunteering parents, guardians or invited teachers/counselors. All must possess good health and abide by camp discipline. See instructions with application forms for details.

**Fees** for the camp range from **\$100** to **\$275** per person depending on the age, **how early** your application is complete and if a parent is coming with camper. There is a \$25 per family discount if you refer a family which comes for the first time. Discounts are also available in hardship cases.

Send the application by **June 23th** to receive early registration discount.

Forms and information can be **downloaded** from <http://camps.vhp-america.org>  
or **Call an Area Coordinator below:**

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