



Yamunotrii Residential Samskritam Camp

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What is Yamunotrii?

Yamunotrii is a family-oriented residential Samskritam camp held Fri 31st May – Sun 2nd June, 2019 in Houston, Texas. It is designed by Samskrita Bharati to impart Samskritam language skills using modern teaching techniques in a fun, friendly, interactive and informal atmosphere.

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Who can attend?

Anyone, regardless of age or background, is welcome to attend; no prior knowledge of Samskritam is required. Familiarity with an Indic language is recommended, as our syllabus is tailored for such students. We frequently use Samskritam words found in Indic languages, as well as Indic cultural motifs to help expedite the teaching process. Unfamiliarity with these may pose difficulty following the class material.

Attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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Who are the instructors?

Experienced Samskrita Bharati instructors will teach at different levels. There will be advanced level teachers from India along with teachers from other US cities.

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Where will the camp be held?

The camp will be held at **Red Lion Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport**
500 N. Sam Houston Pkwy E. Houston TX 77060
Phone: (281) 931-0101. [Hotel Website](#)

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When will the camp start / end?

Registration check-in: 6:00 PM on Friday May 31st 2019
End of Camp: 2:00 PM on Sunday June 2nd 2019

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What are the nearby airports to the campsite?

Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) is a popular airport that is well connected and approximately 2 miles from the venue.

Houston Hobby International Airport (HOU) is located approximately 30 miles from the venue.

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What is the fee for the camp?

- **Early (by 21 April):** Single adult \$160; Groups of 2,3,4,5, and 6 = \$280, \$360, \$440, \$520, and \$600 respectively
- **Regular (4/22 – 5/12):** Single adult \$180; Groups of 2,3,4,5, and 6 = \$310, \$380, \$465, 540, and \$615 respectively
- **Late (after 13 May):** Single adult \$200; Groups of 2,3,4,5, and 6 = \$330, \$400, \$490, 560, and \$630 respectively

NOTE: Fee for single students and seniors is \$35 less than single adult, in each of the early/regular/late categories

- Senior: Adult age 65 and above
- Child below 4 years: FREE (with accompanying adult registration)
- Groups (2-5): Those registered under single payment (no double discounts)
- Student: Any minor age 4-18 and adults able to show currently valid student ID
- Minor: Camp policy requires parents to accompany children 4 – 10 years of age. Children 11 – 18 years of age need parental consent letter confirming one of the adults already attending camp will be the guardian

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I can no longer attend the camp. Can I get a refund?

All cancellations will incur a fee of \$25.

After deducting this amount, fees will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation by May 13 th	–	75% of the remaining fees
Cancellation between May 13 th and May 19 th	–	50% of the remaining fees
Cancellation between May 20 th and May 26 th	–	25% of the remaining fees
Cancellation after May 27 th or no-show at the camp	–	no refund

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How do I register?

Please go to <http://www.sbusa.org> select Yamunotrii either in the “What’s New” section or under “Upcoming Camps”. If questions, or problems registering, please contact us.

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Can I arrive on Saturday or leave on early Sunday?

Sorry. All participants should arrive Friday 6 PM and must stay through 2 PM on Sunday. Please contact us if there are any exceptional circumstances.

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Can I attend during the day, and stay elsewhere during the night?

Sorry. All participants **must** remain in the camp from the time they register, until the conclusion of the camp.

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Are there any transportation facilities from and to airport?

The hotel runs a free shuttle 24x7 to/from the George Bush Intercontinental Airport. Please call Red Lion Hotel IAH at (281) 931-0101 to schedule a free ride. Transportation from anywhere else is participant's responsibility. However, Samskrita Bharati volunteers will try to accommodate transportation requests for out-of-town guests and will also try to arrange carpools for other interested participants. If you can help with carpools, or would like some transportation help, please contact us.

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What do I do once I arrive at the camp?

Follow the signs for "Yamunotrii" and arrive at the registration desk. Samskrita Bharati volunteers will be present at the campsite on Friday from 6:00 PM onwards. The room check-in itself starts 3:00 PM the same day, at the hotel reception desk.

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What kind of classes will be provided for children?

Classes for children will be based on their grade level and/or age and how many children attend the camp. If there is sufficient enrollment, we will have one class for ages 6 through 8, one class for ages 9 through 12 and one for ages 13 through 18. A separate class for children 5 or younger can be arranged provided parents of these children volunteer two hours of their time. Samskrita Bharati has developed a child-friendly curriculum based on conversation, games, songs, and other activities.

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What level should I register for?

Guidelines are given in the registration page for registering at a particular level. If already a Samskrita Bharati student, you may discuss with your teacher too. You can also contact us.

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Do you provide course material?

Yes, course material will be provided for all registrants. Supplementary books will be available for purchase at the campsite. Participants must bring their own notebooks, pens, pencils etc. Although reference books are not necessary, participants may bring such books along.

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Can I make a video / audio recording of the classes?

Currently there are no such plans. It may be possible to record the sessions if the instructor and participants agree. The final decision rests with the instructors, who may require the recordings to be turned off at any time, for any reason. Please note that these recordings can only be used for personal non-commercial use.

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What kind of food will be served at the camp?

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be catered by a licensed, local vegetarian provider. Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided during break time. If you have a preference for snacks for yourself or your child, please bring them with you. You will not have time to go shopping during camp.

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What are the lodging facilities?

Yamunotrii will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport in Houston, TX. So, hotel type accommodation with linen provided can be expected.

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Should family members pack their belongings separately?

We will make every effort to house families together. However, due to various factors, it is possible that some of the family members may be housed in different rooms. Hence, it is better to pack required items separately. All children to stay with a parent or guardian.

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What kind of clothing should I bring?

Houston has varied weather even during the end of May. Please check the weather forecast prior to the camp and bring appropriate clothing.

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Are laundry facilities available on-site?

No. Please bring enough clothing for 3 days.

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What should I bring?

Recommended items:

- Toiletries – Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, etc.
- Personal prescription medicine if any
- Some warm clothing if you think you require
- Loose-fitting clothing (for Yoga sessions)
- Yoga Mat
- Laundry bag
- Shoes/sneakers
- Refillable water bottle
- Class materials – notebooks, pens, pencils, binder

Optional Items:

- Reference books – samskritam books that you have abhyAsa-pustakam, bhAShA praveShaH, gltA sOpAnam etc.
- Musical instruments (to participate in the cultural program in a group setting)
- Indian-style clothing for the cultural program in the evening
- Camera & film
- Chargers for battery operated electronics

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What should I leave at home?

Expensive jewelry and other valuables, hair dryers, curling irons, similar personal appliances, any type of video or audio or electronic gadget that will distract you from learning Samskritam.

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Will there be cell phone reception?

The venue has no problem with cell phone coverage. But we prefer that you put your cell phone in 'Air Plane' mode to derive the most from attending this camp.

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What is a typical day at the camp?

Following is a sample daily schedule for **Saturday** activities. The schedule is subject to change.

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5:45 - 6:15a	जागरणम् jāgarāṇam	Wake-up	HOTEL ROOM
6:15 - 7:15a	प्रातः स्मरणम् / योगकक्ष्या prātaḥ smaraṇam / yoga- kakṣyā	Morning prayers, Yoga class	Houston/Austin /san Antonio rooms
7:15 - 8:30a	स्नानम्/प्रातराशः nānam/prātarāśaḥ	Bath & Breakfast	BREAKFAST IN el paso ball room
8:45 - 9:45a	प्रथमकक्ष्या prathama-kakṣyā	First class	ROOM AS ASSIGNED
9:45 - 10:00a	विरामः virāmah	Break	
10:00 - 11:00a	द्वितीयकक्ष्या dvitīya-kakṣyā	Second class	ROOM AS ASSIGNED
11:00 - 11:15a	विरामः virāmah	Break	
11:15 - 12:15p	तृतीयकक्ष्या tṛtīya-kakṣyā	Third class	ROOM AS ASSIGNED
12:15 - 1:45p	भोजनम् bhojanam	Lunch	el paso ball room
1:45 - 2:45p	चतुर्थकक्ष्या caturtha-kakṣyā	Fourth class	ROOM AS ASSIGNED
2:45 - 3:00p	विरामः virāmah	Break	
3:00 - 4:00p	पञ्चमकक्ष्या pañcama-kakṣyā	Fifth class	ROOM AS ASSIGNED
4:00 - 5:00p	अश्रीतपिबता/मनोरञ्जनार्थं सिद्धता aśrītapibatā/manorañjanārtham siddhatā	Tea break, prepare for entertainment programs	el paso ball room
5:00 - 5:45p	क्रीडाः krīdāḥ	Games	Houston/austin/ san Antonio rooms
5:45 - 6:15p	प्रक्षालनम् prakṣālanam	Freshen up	HOTEL ROOM
6:15 - 7:15p	प्रवचनम् pravacanam	Lectures	Houston/austin/ san Antonio rooms
7:15 - 8:15p	भोजनम् bhojanam	Dinner	el paso ball room
8:15 - 10:15p	मनोरञ्जनकार्यक्रमाः manorañjana-kāryakramāḥ	Entertainment programs	Houston/austin/ san Antonio rooms
10:15p - 6:00a	निद्रासमयः nidrā-samayāḥ	Sleep time	HOTEL ROOM

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Will there be first-aid supplies on camp?

The venue will have a generic medical kit. If you require any medication, please make sure to bring it with you.

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What are the Red Lion Hotel's rules for this camp?

Participants must fill and sign the registration / consent form to participate in the camp. All participants must remain on Red Lion Hotel premises for the duration of the camp. All participants must follow the instructions of Red Lion Hotel staff and Samskrita Bharati volunteers. Children are the responsibility of the parents, especially during non-instructional hours. Smoking is strictly prohibited. The camp features a quiet lights-out time between 10 PM and 5 AM. Alcohol and drugs are strictly forbidden. No pets are allowed.

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Whom can I contact for additional information?

You may reach out to SB.TX.Houston@gmail.com

You may also contact any of our camp coordinators whose contact information is given here.

Name	Phone	Email
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