

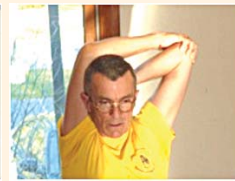
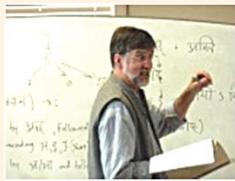
# Six Week Vedanta Course 2015

*with Swami Tattvaidanandaji at Saylorburg Gurukulam*



*“ Vedanta helps you to assimilate life. Life teaches us. So keep on studying Vedanta and live your life.”*

**Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati**



The Fall Vedanta Six Week Course 2015 was held at the Arsha Vidya Gurukulam in Saylorburg PA from October 13 to November 24. This was an adult camp. The camp began with the orientation. Suddhatmaji held the orientation on October 12 and gave all the required information regarding the

facilities at the Gurukulam. Approximately 80 students attended the camp. Swami Tattvaidananda Sarswati taught Yoga Vasishta and Gita Chapter 18 with Sankarabhashyam. Swamiji conducted guided meditations in the mornings. Additionally Swamiji held satsangs. The day

started with Abhiseka to Lord Dakshinamurti and it was followed by chanting class, Sanskrit, Yoga, and Pranayama classes. Satsang was held in the evening. Suddhatmaji conducted the chanting classes. Lance Daniels taught the Yoga classes, Vijaya Hari Darve from Pune India taught the Pranayama classes. Kalpesh Jasapara and Terry Coe taught Sanskrit classes. Radhaji and Girijaji taught beginner's classes for Sanskrit and chanting Rudram and Suktam. Savithri Maniji organized a Bhajan group. Swami Pratyagbodhananda participated in Bhajan programs.

#### Events during the course:

October 21	Saraswati Puja
October 22	Saraswati Punar Puja, Vijayadasami
October 25, November 9 & 23	Prados Puja
November 11	Deepavali. Mahalaksmi and Kubera Puja.

The Deepawali observance was a simple program in observance of Pujya Swami Dayanandaji's passing away this year. There was no traditional special lighting of the Gurukulam and no fireworks. Dinner was served in the evening. Pujas were performed by the priests. Swami Tattavidanandaji read and explained 6 mantras from Sri Devi Sukta, Mahalakshamashtaka. He said it is necessary to attend Vedanta classes and that reading books will not be sufficient to get Atmadyana. Suddatmaji said that the Gurukulam will continue all its work and services in the spirit it was founded by Pujya Swamiji.

From November 6 to 8, The Rajpit Association of North America, held the Rana Deepawali Gathering at the Gurukulam. Children's programs were organized by Savithriji, staff and the volunteers. Swami Tattavidanandaji gave a speech on Hindu Dharma and its implication in practical living. Suddatmaji invited the attendees to visit the Gurukulam as often as they can.

During the course members of the Young Indian Cultural Association visited the Gurukulam. Swamiji addressed the gathering. He explained the various aspects exhibited in the form of Dakshinamurti Idol. The Murti is a symbol of all that is taught at the Gurukulam. Suddatmaji summarized Swamiji's talk and answered questions.

Suddatmaji conducted the chanting classes during the camp. Mantras were taken from Srimad Bhagwad Gita, Yoga Vasishta, Bhagyasuktam, Ayushyasuktam and Sri Dakshinamurtistotram.

On November 22, the Bhajan Group under the direction of Savithriji, presented several Bhajans.

Priests Sri Ravichandran and Sri Ganesan performed Pujas during the course. Lance Daniels provided rides to airports and other destinations for the incoming and outgoing students during camp. The Kitchen staff worked relentlessly to provide excellent food during the camp.

The Teachers, Suddhatmaji, the Gurukulam staff and the volunteers worked hard during the course.

This course is now a tradition. It was attended by the students who attend Swamiji's Vedanta course regularly. They are serious students and they have good knowledge of the Vedanta. Swami Tattavidanandaji has been teaching this course every year. Swamiji is a scholar and an excellent teacher. A rare combination. He is a dedicated, compassionate and understanding teacher. He tries his best to get his teaching to every student.

Very simply, Swamiji is God's gift to us. He lives everything he teaches. No exceptions. Several lives and life styles are changing to Sattvik living because of him. This after all is the aim of all the teaching at this Gurukulam.

Hari OM

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