

Thanksgiving Vedanta Camp 2016

With Swami Tattvaidanandaji at Saylorsburg Gurukulam



The single cause of suffering is Maya, delusion born of ignorance. There is only one way to overcome it; surrender to God and practice intense motiveless devotion-“Maya pancakam”

Swami Tattvaidanandaji

The Thanksgiving camp was held from November 24 to 27 with Swami Tattvaidanandaji. The camp began with registration and orientation on November 24. 150 adults and 70 children attended the course. During the orientation, Suddhatmaji explained the course schedule and provided other related information. The children were grouped according to their ages as: the juniors (ages 6to9), the seniors, (ages10 to 12) and the Teens (Ages 13 and above). Each group was provided classes such as Vedic chanting, yoga, drama, music, meditation, games, Arts and Crafts, Vedic Heritage, aarati and camp fires administered by the staff and the volunteers. Lance Daniels, Savithri Aunty, Girijaji, Radhaji, Balaji, Ushaji, Amy, and Chitraji, participated in the children’s programs.

Chitra Kumar taught Music, Lance Daniels taught Yoga Classes and Kalpesh Jasapara taught Sanskrit

Swami Tattvaidanandaji taught atma-jnana-nistha from Srimad Bhagvad Gita Chapter 18 verses 46, 50, 51, 52, 53. He also taught meditations in the mornings. Swamiji conducted satsangs in the evenings

Suddhatmaji taught Vedic Chanting. Chanting verses selected for this camp came from Medhasuktam, Pratasmarana Stotrum, Dakshinamurty Stotram, Shiva Manasa Puja and Purusottamyoga.

On November 26, under the direction of Savithriji the children presented a cultural program. The Juniors chanted Devi Stuti, and the Seniors chanted Aditya Hridayam. The Junior students enacted a play ‘Who Broke the ShivDhanushya’. The seniors presented a play ‘Life story of Thyagaraja’ and the teens presented ‘Ajamila-a story from Bhagvatam. The adults presented a demonstration of Yoga under the guidance from Sathyavathi Mani

The program was greatly appreciated by everybody.

All the staff and volunteers worked hard to make the course a success.

Thanksgiving camps are fun, education and entertainment for all. The children enjoyed it. The adults received valuable teaching from Swamiji and also learned good chanting from Suddhatmaji. It was a very nice gathering for Thanksgiving. The camp ended on November 27, 2016.



-Reported by Arvind Bagal