

SUMMER CAMP AT ANAIKATTI

Arsha Vidya Gurukulam along with Rotary Club of Coimbatore Ikons conducted a residential Summer Camp for Children in the name JYOTIRGAMAYA from May 1, 2016 to May 8, 2016. This programme was conducted under the aegis of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2016. 67 students from 6 different states of India and 6 Teachers from 6 different states of India participated in the summer camp.

INAUGURATION PROGRAMME: The camp was inaugurated on May 1, 2016. Dr. Savitri



Lightning of Lamp by Smt Sunita Shantaram

Ramaiah was the master of ceremony who welcomed the gathering. The meeting begun with prayer by Children and by lighting of lamp by Swami Sadatmananda and Smt. Sunitha Santharam.

Swami Sankarananda gave details of the facilities available at the Gurukulam. Rtn P. Thirumurthy, President, Rotary Club of Coimbatore Ikons spoke about his teenage days, where he spent in the village during summer holidays along with cousins and how they were

connected with nature and how they developed bonds with relatives.

Smt Lalitha Ramachandran gave an overview of the Camp and details of the proposed programme. Sri Pulluri Srinivas introduced the



Rotarian Moorti's address



Dignitaries and campers

Teachers and Guest faculties for the programme. Swami Sadatmananda blessed the children for successful completion of the programme. Sri S.N. Ramachandran proposed a vote of thanks.

CAMP PROGRAMME: The children were divided into two group- Seniors and Juniors. A few programmes were held separate for the two groups and a few were held combined for both the groups.

The children were taught meditation, yoga, prayer, puja, chanting, music, dance, spoken Sanskrit, arts and craft. They also had play time and talent show. The children were given guest lectures on Ornithology, Temple worship, Human relationship, Script writing and Creating thinking. The children were taught the rich Indian culture in a scenic atmosphere.

VALEDICTORY PROGRAMME:

On the final day May 8, 2016 there was a colourful valedictory programme where students displayed the skills they learnt. After prayers by children, Rtn Ramesh Kumar addressed on behalf of the Rotary. He expressed the happiness of Rotary to join AVG in this cultural education program. Swami Sadatmananda gave the benedictory address. He told that the message of the camp was to have love for



Rotarian Ramesh addressing

knowledge, to have readiness to make effort and appreciate Isvara's grace for what has been received. Swami Sankarananda appreciated the enthusiasm of the children throughout the day for the entire week. Selected photos of the summer camp were shown. Children displayed their skills in yoga, music, dance in relate to what they learned during the camp. Swami Sadatmananda honored the Project Directors Smt & Sri S. N. Ramachandran and Smt & Sri Pulluri Srinivas. The program concluded with vote of thanks by Smt. Lalitha Ramachandran.



What was learned being displayed



Swami Sadatmanandaji's anugrahana Bhashanam

The children cherished the bonding with children from six different states of India. They enjoyed the activities and the divine atmosphere and expressed their intention to come back for future summer camps. The children learnt about Indian culture with lot of fun.

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