

Summer of 2016, a Brief Report

Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Saylorsburg PA USA

On the 1st of July the Independence Day Family Course started by Pujya Sri Swami Veditatmananda Saraswati in the evening and ended on the 4th of July. Additionally, on 1st of July morning Pujya Sri Swamiji concluded the second round of Bhagavad Gītā weekend classes that had begun 18 years before on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

On July 10th Pujya Sri Swamiji started a course on “Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad passages with Śāṅkara Bhāṣya” in the evening. Concurrently, the “Vedic Culture Course for Children unaccompanied by parents” and, separately, a “Spoken Sanskrit Youth Camp” for 24 adults and 92 youth were held at the Gurukulam. All three courses ended at noon on the 16th of July.

In the morning of July 17th Pujya Sri Swami Veditatmananda ji inaugurated the third round of Bhagavad Gītā weekend classes held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month with an introduction and the beginning of Chapter 1. The next day Pujya Sri Swamiji began teaching Family Vedanta Course-I on Vivekachūḍāmaṇi (verse 192 onwards). Concurrently, the 2nd “Vedic Culture Course for Children unaccompanied by parents” began. Both the camps ended on the 23rd of July before the Guru Pūrṇima celebration in the morning.

In the evening of July 24th the 2nd Family Vedanta Course (for adults and accompanied children) was inaugurated and ended on Saturday morning of July 30th. The children had their own course. This was quite an extensive camp with Pujya Sri Swami Veditatmanandaji teaching both Muṇḍakopaniṣad 2.1.1 and Bhagavad Gītā 7.1. Sri Swami Pratyagbodhanandaji taught Kunti Stuti.

Family Vedanta Course-III from July 31st to August 6th had Pujya Sri Swami Veditatmananda ji teaching Kaṭhcopaniṣad 1.3.1 and Bhagavad Gītā 7.1 and Sri Swami Pratyagbodhananda ji teaching Nārada Bhakti Sūtra (selected verses). Sri Swami Tadatmananda ji taught Dṛg-Dṛśya-Viveka (Part 1) at the Gurukulam from August 7th to 12th, attended by adults only.



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