

Summer Camp for Children at AVG



Anaikatti for the first time since its inception witnessed a Summer Camp for Children during April 19, 2014 to April 27, 2014. It happened due to the blessings of Pujya Swami Dayananda Sarasvati and initiative of Smt Savithri Mani who is a veteran in organizing Children's Camp at AVG, Saylorsburg for the past 22 years. Brahmacharini S. Radha and Brahmacharini S. Girija who have done a long term course at AVG Anaikatti during 2010-2013, jointly organized this camp along with Smt Savithri Mani.

60 children from in and around Coimbatore enthusiastically took part in this camp. The camp started with an orientation

programme to the children by Smt Savithri Mani and Brahmacharini S. Radha. The children were taken around the Gurukulam and were oriented to the functioning of the Gurukulam. The next day the camp started with the yoga class by Smt Ponmani Avinashilingam.

The class was divided into two groups on the basis of age 7-11 and 12-15 years. Children were taught daily prayers by Brahmacharini S. Radha and Brahmacharini S. Girija. The children were given a brief outline on values like ahimsa, purity, friendship, truthfulness, etc. The children were taught a few bhajans. In the afternoon the children were made to play indoor games like





solving puzzle, word scrabble, drawing, riddles, etc.

After tea in the evening, there were variety of programmes like magic show, balloon art, light and shadow show, Bharathnatayam dance demo and environmental protection by Smt Vanitha Mohan and group who educated the children on preparation of natural compose fertiliser with the help of daily kitchen waste.

Every day in the evening during satsang time the children exhibited their talents like singing, playing violin, karate demonstration, rendering bhajans, guitar and kanjeera.

On all the days the campers along with Vedapatasala children were taught cultural programme which was conducted on the final day.

The camp concluded on April 27, 2014. Sama Veda prayer song was rendered by Anaikatti Veda Patasala children. This was followed by camp song which explained what they learnt in one week. Three programmes bringing out the talent of Children were presented; Drama on Bhaktha Ramdas, Puppet show on Samyuktha Svaymvaram and Musical drama on Bhaktha Kusela.

The children prepared a folder of what they learnt in the week.

Pujya Swamiji gave participation certificates to the Children. It was a valuable experience for the children and their parents.

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