Musical Camp at AVG

April 21st to 27th 2017

Report by Darshana along with feedback from campers.

By the Anugrha of Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati, and the krpa of Swami Sadatmananda Saraswati, (Acharya of Avg, Anaikatti) i was fortunate to conduct a music camp at AVG, Anaikatti on Pujya Swamiji's kritis with their meanings. (First of its kind camp) It was a fulfilling experience to musically invoke Pujya swamiji through this camp.



A few satsang sessions with Swami Prashantananda Saraswathi who managed to give us a beautiful connect between Sangeeta - shastriya

Sangeetha also as atmavidya and how beautifully he conveyed the message that learning sangeetha is learning the subtle and that requires a lot of sincerity, patience and tolerance and that also helps to develop patience and tolerance.

Overall it was as though Pujya Swamiji was there with us in every step of the way, watching us, guiding us, melting along with us musically and making sure that we were taking home music with us - we were taking home ourselves with us. So it was a very beautiful camp experience. It is indeed heartening to read such genuine feedback from a couple of campers which are as below:

Camp feedback 1. (- By Sri. SUNDARAM, Chennai.)

The camp was an exhilarating musical and spiritual experience to all the participants from 16 to 80 + years. The seekers were taught Poojya Swamiji's 7 compositions, their meaning along with appropriate Sanskrit slokas on each deity by Adi Sankaracharya. The slokas were set to the same Raga as that of the composition. The participants were also exposed to swaras, and basics of voice culture. In addition the daily Poojas in the Ashram temples were a feast to one's eyes and ears and a spiritually fulfilling experience.

The participants were blessed to have satsangs with Swamijis of the Ashram. On the whole, the camp was professionally planned and executed. The Ashram authorities went out of their way to extend their hospitality. The ambience of the Ashram together with divine music and daily temple worship was indeed a spiritually fulfilling experience to all.

Camp feedback 2 (By Hainie ,Hydrabad)

To be very frank, this camp at Anaikatti was actually a very different world. This was so different from the fast running world. The peace and the beauty of the place can only be experienced not taught or defined. Even the food which was served was so good. I had a chance to taste different kinds of dishes.

Every day we would have 3 classes and satsang at night. All the classes, we would learn something new and the joy to sing increased in each class. What really fascinated me was listening to the narration of experiences people had with Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswathi.

On my way back to Hyderabad, my mom was telling me that I was so blessed because I have got a chance to visit a place like this in such a young age. Surely the experience is just a memory now but it is a memory that will last a lifetime.