## Two Week Vedanta Course held in September-October at Saylorsburg Gurukulam

The two Week Vedanta Course for the year 2016 was held at Saylorsburg PA from September 26 to October 8, 2016. Approximately 50 students participated in this camp. Swami Tattvavidanandaji taught Bhagavad Gita Chapter 17 and Swami Pratyagbodhanandaji taught Shivamahimna Stotram. Suddhatmaji taught chanting. Pandit Mukesh Desaiji conducted Hindustani Music classes. Panditji also enlightened the evenings with melodious Bhajans Presentations every evening. Yoga classes were conducted by Lance Daniels. Kalpesh Jasapara taught Sanskrit Classes.

Registration was complete during the day on September 25th. Suddhatmaji held the orientation in the evening. Suddhatmaji explained the camp schedule and provided information about the facilities available at the Gurukulam.

Swami Tattvavidananda Saraswati taught Gita Chapter 1. Chapter 17 continues from Chapter 16, the discussion between Bhagwan Shri Krishna and Arjuna.Bhagwan gives an exposition on faith, Yajna, tapas and daana. Sattva, Rajas and Tamas Shradhas are also explained. Further the proper performance of Duty, speech, the importance of silence(Mauna) are explained. Swamiji talked on the significance and importance of OM. All these activities are to be performed with utmost Sraddha says Bhagwan Shri Krishna.

With the conclusion of this chapter, Swamiji will take up the last Chapter, Chapter 18, from the Gita during the 6 weeks Vedanta course that follows next week.

Swamiji conducted guided meditations every day.

Swami Pratyagbodhananda unfolded Siva-Mahimna Stotra and connected stories and its importance in knowing Brahmavidya.

























A group of the students from the camp presented a short drama "Yaksha Prasna." Under the Direction of Savitri Maniji. It is a dialogue between Lord Yama and Yudhisthira. The presentation was very much appreciated by the all the students and the visitors.

Suddhamtmaji taught the Vedic Chanting classes. Chanting included mantras from Taittirya Upanishad, Purusottamayogah, the Gita and Shivamahimnah Stotram. Suddhatmaji explained how to chant the mantras properly and answered questions.

Pandit Mukesh Desaiji taught the Hundustani Classical Music. For this class Panditji presented Raga Sampurna Malakaunsa in Rupak Tal and Raga Bhairavi in Bhajani tal.

Navratri was celebrated and Pradosha Day Puja was performed at the gurukulam Temple during the camp.

Spoecial thanks to the kitchen staff for their work to provide delicious Thanks to Priests Sri Ravichandran and Sri Ganesa for performing traditional pujas.

Suddhatmaji and the staff, the teachers, and volunteers worked hard during the camp to make it an enjoyable event..

The camp ended on October 8, 2016.

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