

The Bharatiya Temple Youth Camp 2015: Friday, July 24th – Saturday July 25th, 2015 Counselor/Helper Application Form

The BalBharati committee is looking for highly motivated, creative, enthusiastic and well-behaved individuals: ages 16-18 for counselors and age 14-15 for counselor helpers for the 2015 Bharatiya Temple Youth Camp. The Youth Camp is a cultural, religious and social experience for children between the ages of 6 and 13. Campers spend an entire day and night at the Temple participating in pujas, arts and crafts, a picnic, and other activities.

Only Counselor/Counselor Helper applicants who have attended at least 4, 2015 Balbharati meetings will be given priority.

Applicants seeking to fill counselor/helper positions should demonstrate:

- Strong interpersonal and leadership skills
- Actions and behavior that are consistent with those of a role model for the Campers
- Responsibility at ALL times, as Campers will depend on you for guidance and help

Applicants will be accepted strictly upon approval by the BalBharati Committee member(s) and based on the results of the selection process.

Counselor / Helper Applicant's Information

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Birth Date: _____ Gender: M / F Adult T-Shirt Size: S M L XL

Parent's Name: _____ Temple Member ID: _____

In case of emergency, Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Primary Care Physician Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Do you have any special considerations that we should be aware of?

Health / Medical considerations: _____

Allergies: _____

Dietary Considerations: _____

Other Considerations: (Physical Handicap etc.): _____

1. **Applicant:** I wish to enroll as a counselor/helper in the Bharatiya Temple Youth Camp 2015 to be held at the Bharatiya Temple, Troy, MI in compliance with the rules & requirements on page 3.
2. **Applicant:** I understand that I will not leave the camp premises at any time without the approval of the designated BalBharati committee member.
3. **Applicant:** Failure to abide by the camp procedures will lead to my dismissal from the camp and future participation in the Youth Camp.
4. **Guardian:** In case of emergency, I grant permission for my child to receive any necessary medical treatment and release all medical information.
5. **Applicant/Guardian:** I release the Bharatiya Temple and all the camp organizers from any liability for any injury that may incur at the 2015 Bharatiya Temple Youth Camp.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Name (Print): _____

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The Bharatiya Temple Youth Camp 2015: Rules & Requirements

Applicant Requirements

1. Counselor must be between the ages of 16 –18 as of 08/01/15
2. Counselor Helper must be between the ages of 14-15 as of 8/01/15
3. One form per counselor is required. The form must be filled in its entirety.
4. Each counselor & counselor helper will be expected to monitor 5 -7 campers during the camp.

Camp fee: Temple Member: \$ 30.00 Non-member \$ 40.00.

After July 14th, \$ 10.00 late registration fees will be charged

Are you a temple Member for 2015: Yes _____ No _____

Membership Name _____

Checks are payable to the Bharatiya Temple and payment must be **RECEIVED** by **07/14/15**.

MAIL this form (sheets 1 and 2) and the check to **Sangita Gadhiya, 3858, Fadi Dr; Troy; MI-48084;**

It is Camper's responsibility to find out if the form has been received

To confirm by phone call – Sangita Gadhiya - (248)-495-6790

Failure to submit payment by due date will result in the acceptance of the next listed counselor applicant.

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The Bharatiya Temple Youth Camp 2015: Essay Questions

To objectively and fairly choose counselors, the BalBharati Committee will use applicant answers to the following questions to fill counselor positions. Please honestly respond to these questions citing examples in so much as possible. Your acceptance as a counselor/helper will be based on your response. If desired, attach your answers on a separate sheet.

1. Explain why are you interested in being a counselor/helper? Include information on what you intend to get from the experience, what you can contribute, and what distinguishes you from others applying for the same position.
2. As a counselor you will inevitably become a role model to some of the children. Give *your* definition of a role model and comment on how you live your life on a daily basis to embrace *your* definition of a role model.
3. The BalBharati committee would like Campers and Counselors to maintain discipline and follow procedures during camp. If we select you as a counselor how will you help us accomplish this goal?
4. Please indicate your preference of having a boy or girl camper & what is the age group that you would prefer?

Camp Guidelines
(Parents can keep this sheet - 3 at home for their reference)

1. Counselors/helpers are required to be present at the Temple on July 24th at 4:00 PM sharp. Counselors shall not be dismissed until after the end of camp at 10PM on July 25th, 2015.
2. Counselors/helpers must attend a mandatory training session to prepare them for the Youth Camp. Failure to attend training may result in the counselor being dismissed.
3. Discipline must be maintained at all times. Continuous disregard of the rules and warnings will result in the counselor's dismissal from the camp.
4. Smoking, consumption of alcohol or illegal substances is strictly prohibited. Anyone found violating this rule would be dismissed from the camp.
5. The use of the following is strictly prohibited: Cell phones, iPods, iPads and laptops. No Cash or valuables please. No chewing gum will be permitted.
6. Counselors/helpers are required to be present with the team assigned to them at all times.
7. **Counselors/helpers will have their team ready for the morning breakfast by 7:45 AM.**
8. Counselors will ensure that campers assigned to them are participating in planned activities during camp.
9. Counselors/helpers shall be considerate of others by maintaining a quiet atmosphere after 11 PM. It is urged that counselors pay special regard to the needs of younger participants to get a good night's rest.
10. All team assignments for cleanups and setups must be completed per the request of adult organizers.
11. Every effort by every counselor/helper is required to keep temple premises clean. Counselors are responsible for assigning their team set-ups /cleanups before & after every meal. Counselors/helpers are responsible for cleaning up at the end of the camp.
12. Counselors/helpers will be allowed free time to unwind and rest as necessary.
13. For the well being of other campers, counselors/helpers are requested to abstain from the camp if they are sick.
14. Parents / guardians will be contacted immediately and temporary medical attention will be given to a counselor in the event of an emergency.
15. Visitation by friends who are not participating in the camp in any role is strictly prohibited.
16. Instructions from the organizers must be followed at all times. **FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES CAN RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF THE COUNSELOR/HELPER.**

Suggested Items for Counselors/helpers

1. Sleeping bag, bed sheet, 1 blanket, pillow, toothbrush & paste, soap, towel (hand & bath) hairbrush or comb, socks, sneakers, under garments, swim wear, water gun, sleep wear, (preferably long sleeved), sun block cream, insect repellent cream and extra pair of clothing (**appropriate temple attire**) based on weather.
2. To perform in the Talent Show please come prepared.

Additional Information

1. Camp will begin promptly at 6:00 PM on Friday 07/24/15 and end at 9:00 PM on Saturday 07/25/15. **Counselors and Helpers should arrive by 4:00 PM Friday and leave by 10 PM Saturday after the clean up.**
2. Counselors/helpers will be provided meals and snacks during the entire camp period.
3. Counselors/helpers are encouraged to bring items and materials they may want to use for the talent show and team posters (Markers, music, and costumes).

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