

Chinmaya Mission Tristate Center (CMTC) Bala Vihar / Vedanta Study Group Guidelines & Expectations 2010 - 11

<p><u>What can participating families expect?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active leadership from our resident acharyas, Swami Shantanandaji and Swami Siddhanandaji. 2. Knowledgeable and helpful volunteers to assist with questions and concerns. 3. On-time and efficient operations of all Bala Vihar and Adult Study Circle classes with vedantic-based instructions. 4. Dissemination of pertinent information about Bala Vihar/Adult Study Group and other programs via email, web posting (chinmayaharleysville.org), and verbal announcements in a timely and efficient manner. 5. Availability of essential books and related items. 6. Celebration of some traditional Hindu Festivals and other events, in accordance with the rules of the center/facility. 7. The CMTC may record Bala Vihar activities using various formats (e.g., still/video camera, etc.) for the purpose of promoting its programs. 8. The CMTC will make every reasonable effort to work with parents to try and accommodate their children with special needs. However, if a mutually acceptable solution still cannot be reached, the CMTC reserves the right to decline/rescind registration. 9. The CMTC reserves the right to decline/rescind Bala Vihar registration if these guidelines are not followed. 	<p><u>What is expected of the children?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please bring your copy of the “My Prayers” booklet, notebook and pen to each session (younger children may require crayons, etc. for arts & crafts projects), and any other required books/items requested by the Bala Vihar teacher. 2. Please actively and attentively participate in class and during scheduled festivals/other events. 3. Please raise your hand when speaking or asking questions during class or speak with your teacher volunteer after class. 4. Please make the necessary effort to prepare for upcoming class or event. (This will be limited so that there is no conflict with regular academic commitments). 5. Please participate in arati and pledge during appropriate times, as instructed. <p><u>What can parents/adults do to help?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please treat school property with care, keep it clean and help your children understand the same. 2. Volunteer for activities, e.g., birthday celebrations, festivals, swamiji visits and other functions. 3. Volunteer for teaching religion/language classes. Training and support material will be provided on acceptance of the request. 	<p><u>What is required of all parents/adults?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please submit a completed registration form and pay dues within 2 weeks of joining the program. All children attending Bala Vihar must be registered. 2. Please arrive on-time (i.e. 9:25 AM for a 9:30 AM class start time) and stay through the program. 3. At all times except in the classroom, children attending Bala Vihar are the responsibility of their parents or the emergency contact listed on the registration form. 4. At least one of the parents is requested to stay in the school building. You may participate in the Yoga / Vedanta Study class. 5. Parents are not permitted to sit in children’s class as this could cause distraction. Pls. consult class teacher & coordinator for a need to do so. 6. Parents whose children have special needs must notify the mission sevaks in writing for consideration prior to submitting their registration. <p><u>What is requested of the parents/adults?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please take an active interest in your children’s classes and support their participation in events. 2. Please make every effort to stay for prayers/ arati/ pledge. 3. Please discuss any concerns or suggested improvements to the program with a member of the volunteer team (e.g., your child’s Bala Vihar teacher volunteer, Study Circle lead, or the Bala Vihar coordinator). 4. Please check with sevaks/coordinators or the web site (chinmayaharleysville.org) for any last minute cancellations due to bad weather (e.g., when there is significant snow, ice, hail, rain), other emergencies, etc.
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