

Balaji Youth Summer Camp 2017 Application Form (18+ years)

Dear Reader,

Thank you for your interest in the Balaji Youth Summer Camp 2017. Whether you have been a long-term returning camper, or a potential new member, we have always enjoyed being able to welcome young adults of the upper age group (18+) into our community. Just like the other age tiers, you too will be fully immersed into camp lectures and activities, and will find yourself learning more and more about the practice of Hinduism as the week develops.

However, being an older camper comes with a degree of responsibility. Especially for the veteran campers amongst you, many of the younger children will now look up to you as role models. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that you carry yourself with a sense of integrity, setting a good example for the younger children to emulate with regards to good behaviour and discipline. Moreover, your enthusiasm during activities will be key in encouraging the involvement of the younger campers, ensuring that they get an enjoyable and holistic experience of what camp has to offer.

Furthermore, as trusted members, you will gain several opportunities to take on extra duties throughout camp. Although you will not be expected to take on work for extended periods of the day like the volunteering staff, there will be occasions when the leads require your assistance whether it be helping set up for meals and spending some time cleaning, or even being a facilitator in debates and workshops. Overall, there is an aim to give you, the 18+ group, a more privileged and integrated role in this year's camp. We will strive to further your knowledge about Hinduism, whilst also providing you the chance to gain an appreciation for all the hard work that takes place 'behind the scenes' of camp as a valued member of our team.

We very much look forward to sharing this experience with you,

BYC 2017 Leadership Team

Please return form by email to temple@venkateswara.org.uk or drop it off at the temple office: Balaji Temple Office- Youth Camp 2017, Dudley Road East, Oldbury, West, Midlands, B69 3DU.

In addition, all 18+ campers must have **CRB/DAB clearance**, which the temple office will facilitate for you. If you have CRB/DAB clearance from the youth camp last year, it will still be valid for 3 years from the date of issue. If you are new, we will send you further information once your form has been submitted.

If you have any queries about the CRB/DBS clearance or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at temple@venkateswara.org.uk or call 0121 544 2256.

Contact Details

Name: _____

D.O.B ____/____/____ Age at the start of camp (July 2017) _____

Gender: (M/F)

Address:

Daytime telephone number:

Parent's email address:

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Application number (For office use only): _____

How many times have you been to Balaji Youth Summer Camp before?

Have you been on the waiting list for Balaji Youth Summer Camp in the last two years? (Y/N)

Are your parents able to volunteer during of camp? (Please find attached volunteer registration form if yes) (Y/N)

Are you attending the camp with your sibling? (Y/N)

If this is your **first time** applying, please tell us how you found out about Balaji Youth Camp:

If you are a **returning camper** please list any activities/workshops *or* speakers you would be interested in seeing coming back for summer camp 2017?

In the past year, have you been involved in any Seva (volunteering) related activities near you? For example: helping out at Balaji/your local temple, aiding the elderly, charity shops/marathons etc.

IMPORTANT: As explained in the *Invitation Letter*, the theme of Balaji Youth Summer Camp 2017 is ‘*Am I a Hindu?*’.

Please list **two** questions that you would like to hear answered at summer camp 2017 and we will endeavour to do so. For example, “Why do we have so many Deities?” and “What is the meaning of Dharma?”