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Kaveri 2024 Residential Samskritam Camp

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What is Kāverī?

Kāverī is a family residential Samskritam camp held annually during the Memorial Day long weekend (May 25 - 27, 2024) in Saratoga, California (about 20 miles from San Jose airport). It is designed by Samskrita Bharati to impart Samskritam language skills in a fun, friendly, interactive and informal atmosphere. [Back to top](#)

Who can attend?

Anyone can attend, and no prior knowledge of Samskritam is required (for the beginners level). Familiarity with an Indian language is highly recommended, as our syllabus is tailored for such students¹. *Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.* [Back to top](#)

Who are the instructors?

A team of experienced and qualified instructors will teach at different levels. [Back to top](#)

Where will the camp be held?

The camp will be held at Walden West Science Center, 15555 Sanborn Road, Saratoga, CA 95070. Phone: (408) 573-3050; <http://www.scoec.org/waldenwest/facility/>

Directions to Walden West Science Center - Take Highway 9 (Big Basin Way) from Saratoga towards the Santa Cruz Mountains. Turn left at Sanborn Road (near Saratoga Springs). Make first right at the Walden West sign. Stay right after the stone columns and turn right into Walden West. [Back to top](#)

When will the camp start / end?

Check-In: 8:00 AM on Saturday May 25th

Instruction/Camp ends: 2:00 PM on Monday May 27th

On Saturday May 25th, breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. [Back to top](#)

What is the airport closest to the campsite?

San Jose International Airport (SJC) is the closest airport located about 18 miles from Walden West Center. San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is about 40 miles from Walden West Center. [Back to top](#)

¹ Anyone, regardless of background, is welcome to attend. However, our syllabus makes frequent use of Samskr̥tam words that are commonly found in Indian regional languages, and also uses standard Indian cultural motifs to help aid the teaching process. Those who are unfamiliar with these may have difficulty following the class material.

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What is the fee for the camp?

First Adult (18 & up)	\$275
Each Additional Adult	\$225
Seniors or Visiting Parents	\$150
Children (Ages 5-17)	\$150
Children (Ages 4 & Under)	FREE

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Is individual sleeping accommodation available for children under 4?

No, children aged 4 and under will sleep with one of their parents. [Back to top](#)

I can no longer attend the camp. Can I get a refund?

For cancellations, please send an email to kaveri@sbusa.org and we will process the requests. All cancellations will incur a fee of \$25. After deducting this amount, fees will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation by **April 26th** – 100% of the remaining fees

Cancellation by **May 3rd** – 75% of the remaining fees

Cancellation by **May 10th** – 50% of the remaining fees

Cancellation by **May 17th** – 25% of the remaining fees

Cancellation after **May 17th** or no-show at the camp – no refund [Back to top](#)

How do I register?

Please go to <http://kaveri.camp> and follow the instructions to register. If you have any questions, or have any problems registering, please contact us (kaveri@sbusa.org). [Back to top](#)

Can I arrive late or leave early?

No. All participants should arrive before 8:00 AM on Saturday and must stay through 2pm on Monday. If they absolutely cannot arrive on before 8:00 AM on Saturday, they must contact us at kaveri@sbusa.org before registering. Also, if they cannot stay until the end of the camp (2 PM on Monday), they must contact us at kaveri@sbusa.org before registering. [Back to top](#)

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Can I attend during the day, and stay elsewhere during the night?

No. All participants **must** remain in the camp from the time they register, until the conclusion of the camp (2 PM on Monday). If for any reason they need to leave anytime during the camp, they must contact us at kaveri@sbusa.org before registering. [Back to top](#)

Are there any transportation facilities from and to airport?

Transportation is the participant's responsibility. However, Samskrita Bharati volunteers will try to accommodate transportation requests for out-of-town guests and will also try to arrange carpools for other interested participants. If you can help with carpools, or would like some transportation help, please contact us well in advance. [Back to top](#)

What do I do once I arrive at the camp?

Please follow the signs for "Kāverī" and arrive at the registration desk at the camp site. Samskrita Bharati volunteers will be present at the camp site on Saturday from 7:30 AM onwards. [Back to top](#)

What kind of classes will be provided for children?

Classes for children will be based on their age and number of children attending the camp. Samskrita Bharati has developed a child-friendly curriculum based on conversation, games, songs and other activities. [Back to top](#)

What level should I register for?

If you are currently a Samskrita Bharati student, please discuss this with your teacher. If you are new to Samskrita Bharati camps and classes, you can contact us before registering at kaveri@sbusa.org for more information that will help you select the appropriate level. [Back to top](#)

Do you provide course material?

Yes, course material will be provided for all registered students. Supplementary books will be available for purchase at the campsite. Participants must bring their own notebooks, pens, pencils etc. Although reference books are not essential for the camp itself, participants may bring along such books. [Back to top](#)

Can I make a video / audio recording of the classes?

No, you cannot record the classes. However, Samskrita Bharati may at times record the sessions and make them available for purchase later. Please note that these recordings can only be used for personal non-commercial use. [Back to top](#)

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What kind of food will be served at the camp?

Delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner will be catered by one of the Indian vegetarian restaurants in the SFO bay area. Tea, coffee and snacks will also be provided during break time. If you have a preference for snacks for yourself and/or your kids, please bring them with you. You will not have time to go shopping during the camp. If you have any dietary restrictions, please contact us at kaveri@sbusa.org before registering to discuss your needs. [Back to top](#)

What are the lodging facilities?

The camp site provides lodges (dormitories) equipped with electricity, air-conditioning and hot running water. Mattresses will be provided on dormitory style bunk beds. Please bring pillows, bed sheets and blankets. [Back to top](#)

Should family members pack their belongings separately?

Men and women will be accommodated in separate quarters and so their belongings should be packed accordingly. School-aged children will stay gender-wise with one of their parents / guardians. Younger children can stay with the parent/guardian that they are most comfortable with. [Back to top](#)

What kind of clothing should I bring?

Saratoga has varied weather especially during Memorial Day Weekend. Please check the weather forecast prior to the camp and bring appropriate clothing. [Back to top](#)

Are laundry facilities available on-site?

The camp site does not provide laundry facilities. Please bring enough clothing for 3 days. [Back to top](#)

What should I bring?

Recommended items:

- Refillable water bottles
- Sheets, pillows, pillowcases, blankets and/or sleeping bags
- Toiletries – Towels, Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb etc
- Personal prescription medicine
- Clothing as per weather variations during the day
- Comfortable clothing for yoga sessions
- Laundry bag
- Comfortable shoes/sneakers for nature walk
- Flashlight
- Class materials (notebooks, pens, pencils, binder etc)

Optional Items:

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Reference books – abhyāsa-pustakam, bhāśā-praveśa etc.
Musical instruments (to participate in the entertainment program)
Indian-style clothing for the entertainment program in the evening
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What should I leave at home?

Expensive jewelry and other valuables
Video games, etc. (instead we encourage everyone to interact with others during the camp)
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Will there be cell phone reception?

The camp site has very limited & intermittent cell phone coverage. [Back to top](#)

What is a typical day at the camp?

The camp's daily schedule is available at <http://kaveri.camp/#schedule>.
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Will there be first-aid supplies on camp?

The camp will have a first-aid kit. However, if you require any prescribed medication please bring it with you. [Back to top](#)

What are the Walden West Center's rules for this camp?

All participants must follow the instructions of Walden West staff and Samskrita Bharati volunteers. Children are the responsibility of the parents, especially during non-instructional hours. Smoking, alcohol and recreational drugs are strictly prohibited. The camp features a quiet lights-out time between 10 PM and 5 AM. Pets are not allowed. [Back to top](#)

Whom can I contact for additional information?

Please contact either of our camp coordinators whose information is given here.

Name	Phone	Email
Overall Camp Coordinator		kaveri@sbusa.org
Camp Site Supervisor		kaveri@sbusa.org

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