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What is Kāverī?

Kāverī is a family residential Samskritam camp held annually during the Memorial Day long weekend (May 23 - 25, 2026) 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, immersive and interactive atmosphere. [Back to top](#)

Who can attend?

Anyone can attend, and **no** prior knowledge of Samskritam is required (for the beginner 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.*

Please note that classes are available for adults and children aged 5 and up only. Child care will be provided for children 4 and under, during class time only. Children are expected to be with their parents at all other times including tea and lunch breaks. [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.scooe.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 to 9:00 AM on Saturday May 23rd. *Please note that check-in ends at 9:00 AM sharp, at which time the inauguration ceremony of Kaveri begins.*

Instruction/Camp ends: 2:00 PM on Monday May 25th

On Saturday May 23rd, breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

*Please note that all attendees are required to attend the camp in **its entirety** and are expected to participate in all camp activities.* [Back to top](#)

What is the airport closest to the campsite?

San Jose International Airport (SJC) is the closest airport located about 20 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 Saṁskṛtam 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?

| | Early Bird till April 15th | From 16th April |
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| Children (Ages 4 & Under) | \$100 | \$125 |
| Children (Age 5 - 18) | \$275 | \$300 |
| Fulltime Undergraduate College Students ^{#1} | \$200 ^{#1} | \$225 ^{#1} |
| Adults (Ages 18 & up) | \$325 | \$350 |

^{#1} Fee subsidized by Yuva vibhAgaH of Samskrita Bharati for students who are enrolled in an Undergraduate College program. Students enrolled in a Masters' Program can contact us at kaveri@sanskritabharatiusa.org to see if any fee subsidy applies.

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Is individual sleeping accommodation available for children under 4?

No, children aged 4 and under will **share a bunk-bed 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. All cancellations will incur a fee of \$100 per registration until May 15th. Cancellations from May 16th will not be eligible for any refunds.

No-shows at the camp will also not be eligible for any refunds.

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 you absolutely cannot arrive before 8:00 AM on Saturday, you must contact us at kaveri@sbusa.org **before registering**. Also, if you cannot stay until the end of the camp (2 PM on Monday), you 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 check in, until the conclusion of the camp (2 PM on Monday). If for any reason you need to leave anytime during the camp, you must contact us at kaveri@sbusa.org **before registering**. [Back to top](#)

Are there any transportation facilities from and to the 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 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 check-in 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. *Please note that no class is available for children aged 4 years and under. Day care will be provided during class times only. They are expected to **be with their parents at all other times including tea and lunch breaks and other activities.*** [Back to top](#)

What level should I register for?

If you are new to Samskrita Bharati, please register in the beginner level class. Class level guidelines are provided in the registration page. If you are currently a Samskrita Bharati student, please ask your teacher about the appropriate class level to register for. For more questions or help to select the appropriate level, you can contact us before registering at kaveri@sbusa.org. [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 San Francisco 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
Yoga mat and comfortable clothing for yoga sessions
Laundry bag
Comfortable shoes/sneakers for nature walk
Flashlight
Class materials (notebooks, pens, pencils, binder etc)

Optional Items:

Reference books – abhyāsa-pustakam, bhāṣā-praveśa etc.
Musical instruments (to participate in the entertainment program)

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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>. [Back to top](#)

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 us at kaveri@sbusa.org if you have any questions

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