

Gurudakshina and Fees for Balavihar

- There is no fee associated with Balavihar. However, we do encourage all families to consider a donation, or Gurudakshina.
- The sacred tradition of Gurudakshina goes back to the ancient days of India, and it is an acknowledgement of the value that the students are receiving.
- Chinmaya Mission relies entirely upon volunteers. **No one serving here receives monetary payment for their efforts.**
- Suggested Gurudakshina donation level is \$40/month. However, this is voluntary and you can choose another amount, depending on how much you value the programs.
- *How can I donate?* Fill out a paper checkomatic form with your donation information.
- There are no fees for Bala Vihar, Swaranjali, Bhagavad Gita Chanting and Yoga Classes.
- There will be a small fee of \$330 for SAT students to help offset the cost of books/program supplies.
- For those interested in lunch, we ask for a \$4 donation per person. We will provide more information about the lunch program in September

Please contact Suchitaji @ (219)614-1106 for more information on Gurudakshina Scheme

CHECKOMATIC FOR GURUDAKSHINA DONATION
AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT PAYMENT
CHINMAYA MISSION NWINDIANA-CHINMAYA OMKARA
MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

I (we) herby authorize CHINMAYA MISSION N.W.I.-Chinmaya Omkara to initiate debit entries from my (our) { } Checking Account { } Savings Account (select one) indicated below and the BANK named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit same to such account.

DEPOSITORY
NAME _____ BRANCH _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TRANSIT/ABA# _____ ACCOUNT # _____

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until Chinmaya Mission N.W.I. and Depository has received written authorization from the undersigned to terminate these transactions.

AMOUNT
NAME(S) _____ PER MONTH \$ _____

SIGNATURE(S) _____ DATE _____

IMPORTANT ATTACH YOUR VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM

TAX ID IS # 27-5550095

For further information contact **Sheela Konda @ 219 922 1751**

Mail the completed form along to Chinmaya Mission NWI – Omkara, 8705 Merrillville Rd , Merrillville In IN 46410

Regular Schedule(Sunday Morning):

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.: *Opening Prayers, Swamiji's address, Class presentations, announcements, Aarthi.*

11:30 - 1:00 p.m. : *BalaVihar classes (Children)*

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. : *Vedanta study groups (for Adults)*

12:15 - 1:00 p.m. : *Bhagavad Gita discourse – Swamiji(Adults)*

1:00 pm onwards : *Lunch Program*

Other Activities on Sundays

10:00 - 10:30 am – *Swaranjali(Bhajans)*

10:30 - 11:00 am - *Bhagavad Gita, Stotras recitation*

Coming soon! SAT Classes (Math & Language) and Yoga. Please refer to our website for info.

Devi group: Mondays from 11:00am -

12:00pm. Swamiji's discourse at Sudama Kutiya @ 8705, Merrillville Rd., Merrillville IN 46410

Bhajan Sandhya: First Saturday of the month

6:00 p.m. : presided over by Pujya Swami

Sharanananda ji

Sudama Kutiya also available for Satsangas.

Please contact us for availability.

Benefits for our children in participation of the

Bala Vihar activity at Chinmaya Mission:

Kids attend regular school to attain secular knowledge and acquire professional qualifications towards livelihood.

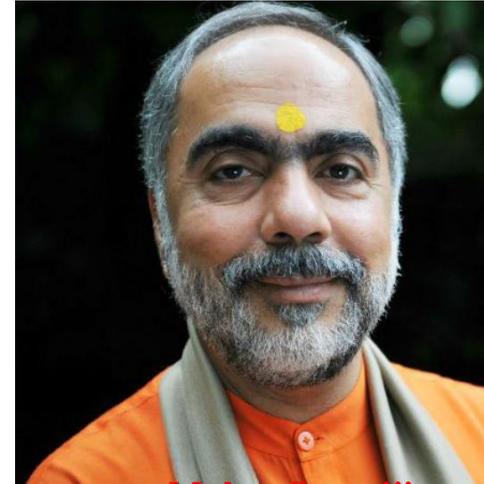
Kids aged 4 – 15 who learn virtues and spiritual values by regular participation within spiritual organization like Chinmaya Mission secure a solid character-foundation that formulates a wholesome, healthy personality.

When inquired about the right age to start Bala Vihar participation, Pujya Gurudev - Swami

Chinmayananda said, "Catch them young". Young minds are like sponges that are eager to absorb the values taught to them.

At Chinmaya Mission, we enroll kids from Pre-K up to the 12th grade. Thereafter, Chinmaya Mission caters to youth – Chinmaya Yuva Kendra (CHYK) program, whereby participants (aged 16 -35) attend fun and adventures-filled spiritual camps. CHYKs may attend the adult study sessions towards enhancement of deeper practically applicable spiritual knowledge and simultaneously serve towards the congregational activities.

Chinmaya Mission Northwest Indiana Omkara



Mukya Swamiji
Swami Swaroopanandaji

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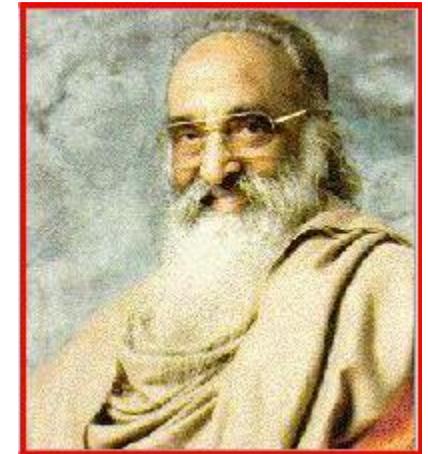
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A School of Vedanta studies



8705 Merrillville Rd.,
Merrillville, IN 46410-7045

Our Vision

The inner transformation of individuals through knowledge of Vedanta, spiritual practice and service to society, resulting in a happy world around them.

Our Mission

To provide to individuals, from any background, the wisdom of Vedanta and the practical means for spiritual growth and happiness, enabling them to become positive contributors to society.

www.chinmaya-nwindiana.org

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About Chinmaya Mission

Chinmaya Mission was established in India in 1953 by devotees of the world-renowned Vedanta teacher, His Holiness Swami Chinmayananda, fondly as Gurudev.

Administered by Central Chinmaya Mission Trust in Mumbai, India, the Mission is now headed by His Holiness Swami Swaroopananda ji, fondly addressed as Guruji. Chinmaya Omkara was established in 2002 is a not for profit organization. It makes available the ageless wisdom of Advaita Vedanta, the knowledge of universal oneness, providing the tools to realize the wisdom in one's life.

The learning occurs with structured syllabus for children aged 4 – 16, youth aged 17-35, and for adults. Families meet on every Sunday at IACC, Merrillville.

Chinmaya Mission Bala Vihar

Indian culture is admired the world-wide for its splendor and depth. There is either a scientific or a spiritual rationale for the Indian traditions. Philosophy is the theoretical aspect of religion, whereas rituals are the practical aspect. Selfless service, japa, puja, sandhya-vandanam and so on, enable an individual to develop an integrated personality. But one needs to perform these with the proper understanding and faith to bring about the desired effect.

Bala Vihar is a weekly gathering of children, between the ages of five to fifteen years that takes place in Chinmaya Mission Centers or in private homes, under the supervision of trained teachers. The aim of Bala Vihar is to help children bloom, grow, and inculcate values through fun-filled activities. Bala Vihar enhances the overall development of the personality of a child at all levels — physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual.

Mission Statement

“To help children learn values with fun, to delight like the moon and shine like the sun”

Chinmaya Mission Vedanta Classes

The purpose of Chinmaya Mission Vedanta classes

Regular studies and participation in Vedanta study sessions and discourse based on scriptural texts, including Bhagavad Gita inspires and empowers one to face life's challenges with a balanced, calm and joyous attitude.

In addition, Chinmaya Mission facilitates scriptural studies through website forum and correspondence e-courses.



Our BalaVihar Program

The greatest blessing from Puja a Gurudev , Swami Chinmayanandaji to the children is the Bala Vihar Movement. The weekly Bala Vihar activity orients children with India's spiritual and cultural heritage. Puja Gurudev's rationale for the Bala Vihar activity is summarized as follows:

To train the children and inculcate within them reverence for our ancient culture, and inspire them to live up to it, with correct understanding.

To create self-confidence, to serve others and work cheerfully.

To generate a true affection in all contacts, inculcate personal discipline and a true spirit of leadership.

To mold their capacity to express and to assert their individuality.

To nurture their latent faculties, detect and tackle defects; cultivate and improve their creative abilities.

To help children to develop a healthy resistance against temptations in the ambience in which they grow.

To provide a foundation to grow with noble ideals, healthy emotions and physical discipline.



Our Visiting Acharya at Chinmaya Omkara



Swami Sharanananda

Puja Swami Sharanananda, our Acharya (teacher) is the resident Acharya of Chinmaya Mission Chicago since March 1993. He is also the visiting Acharya of CM NW Indiana. Swamiji Conducts yogasanas & other scriptural classes during Chinmaya Mission family camps all over North America. He places great importance on value based living.

Swamiji conducts Bhagavad Gita & Vedanta discourses for adults, every month at our Mission.

We also facilitate periodic spiritual discourse sessions by the Mission's visiting Acharyas.

----- CONTACT US -----

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8705 MERRILLVILLE ROAD, MERRILLVILLE - IN 46410

Sundays 11:00am - 1:00pm
September 10th 2017– May 20th 2018
2017 - 2018 REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Spouse name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home phone #: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

(1) _____

(2) _____

Please enroll my son/daughter in Bala Vihar/Yuvakendra program

Child's name	Birth date (mm/dd/yy)	School grade enrolled in 2016/2017
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

Enroll the following Adults in Vedanta discussion group:

1. _____ 2. _____

Additional Classes Offered (Please Check if you are interested)

SAT Classes (\$330) _____ Language (Hindi – Fee TBD) _____

Free Programs:

Yoga _____ Swaranjali (Bhajans/Stotras) _____

Bhagavad Gita Chanting _____