



**CHINMAYA MISSION TRI-STATE CENTER
BASKING RIDGE/BRIDGEWATER BALAVIHAR**
<http://www.bbnjbalavihar.com>

The 2009-2010 Balavihar session will be starting on **Sunday, September 13, 2009** at **Bridgewater Raritan High School, 630 Garretson Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807**. The attached material includes information on the Philosophy of the Chinmaya Mission BBNJ Balavihar program, Parent responsibilities, Registration form and Volunteer sign-up. Please read carefully and kindly fill out all the information.

Philosophy of the Balavihar Program:

- ◆ To provide to individuals from any background, the wisdom of Vedanta and the practical means for spiritual growth and happiness, enabling them to be positive contributors to society.
- ◆ CMTC conducts Balavihar classes for children as part of a comprehensive program of selfdevelopment.
- ◆ Swami Chinmayananda once said, '*Children are not vessels to be filled, but lamps to be lit.*' The goal of Balavihar is to "wake up the sleeping giant" in our children and inspire them to reach their maximum potential by following the values expounded by saints and sages.
- ◆ Motto of Chinmaya Mission is to give maximum happiness to maximum number for maximum time.
- ◆ Good conduct, emotional refinement, intellectual finesse and spiritual awareness are developed through fun and play, and through stories and *bhajans* and other unique techniques by a team of specially trained, experienced, and dedicated teachers (Parent Volunteers).

Class Schedule:

Time	Children's Classes	Adult's Classes
9:15 AM—9:30 AM	Arrival—Auditorium	Arrival— Auditorium
9:30 AM—10:00 AM	Assembly	Assembly
10:10 AM—11:40 AM	Balavihar session	Adult Study Group
11:45 AM—12:30 PM	Language Classes	Balavihar Teacher's Study Session

Languages Offered:

Hindi, Tamil and Telugu will be the languages offered this year.

Sanskritam Program:

Sanskritam as a language is incorporated as part of Balavihar curriculum in KG through Grade 8. The Class will be conducted by their Class Teachers during the Balavihar Time (10:10AM-11:40AM). Recommended Sanskritam text books will have to be purchased.

Parental Involvement:

- ◆ At least one parent/guardian must be present at the Balavihar location and attend study group (Symbolism in Hinduism, Parenting)
- ◆ If parent/guardian is unable to attend a particular session due to emergency, guardianship must be assigned to another adult and the Balavihar teacher/coordinator notified.
- ◆ For each class, 2 class room parents are required. If more than 2 parents sign up, the class teacher will select 2 parents to be Class Room parents.
- ◆ In order for the children to benefit fully from the classes, it is necessary for the Sunday classes to be supported and enhanced by complementary activities at home. Parents are expected to spend a minimum of one hour per week working with the child. Twenty minutes each day would be ideal and would make a tremendous positive impact on the whole family.
- ◆ At least one parent from each family must sign up for one or more volunteer opportunities.
- ◆ Chewing Gum/Toys/Electronic Games/Playing with Cell Phones are not allowed in Balavihar

Children Responsibilities:

- ◆ Children should wear comfortable Indian clothing/CM Logo shirts with a long pant for all sessions and festivals of Balavihar. Causal clothing is not appropriate. Absolutely no shorts or tank tops.
- ◆ Hair must be neatly groomed and tied away from the face.
- ◆ All children are expected to be in their classes at the specified time.
- ◆ Regularity and Punctuality in Attendance is required. Attendance record will be maintained.
- ◆ Balavihar teachers or coordinator must be informed of any planned/unplanned absences.
- ◆ Class text/workbook may have to be purchased separately.
- ◆ Homework will be assigned from time to time to supplement the lessons taught.
- ◆ Students are expected to be disciplined and behave respectfully towards their teachers, other adults and fellow students.

Balavihar Membership Registration:

- ◆ Balavihar classes open for grades Pre-K through grade 12.

Type	Dues	Benefits
Basic Member	\$400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balavihar and Language classes for one year for the family • Monthly Chinmaya Balavihar and CMWest News magazines • Tax exemption of donation amount
Founding Member <i>(Sponsorship for Vrindavan Ashram Construction)</i>	\$1000 and up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the Basic member benefits • Subscription to Tapovan Prasad—Official monthly news magazine of CM Worldwide • Subscription to Mananam series • Special Pooja for the welfare of your family on the occasion of your choice in Chinmaya Vrindavan Ashram

- ◆ Madhuram class for Toddlers as well—Parental presence in class is required.
- ◆ **A maximum of 30 students will be accepted for each class on first come first registered basis. Additional students will be wait listed.**
- ◆ Registration will be confirmed only if the dues are received within 2 weeks.

Checklist for Balavihar Registration:

Checklist	Mail Forms to the following address:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read Balavihar Philosophy and rules. 2. Fill out Balavihar Enrollment form. 3. Fill out Volunteer Sign-up form. 4. Make check payable to <u>Chinmaya Mission Tri-State Center (CMTC)</u> 5. Mail forms to address on the right. 	Jayanthi Rajaram 4, Chandler Terr Rockaway, NJ 07866

Contact:

Madhavi Puppala: (908) 470-0408 Ameetha Ramesh: (908) 781-0340 Jayanthi Rajaram:(973) 983-8636
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Household Information:

Online Login Name (6-10 characters): _____

Father's Name: _____
First Name Last Name

Mother's Name: _____
First Name Last Name

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Ph #: (____) ____-____ Father's Cell #: (____) ____-____ Mother's Cell #: (____) ____-____

Mother's Active E-mail Address: _____

Father's Active E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact Ph #: (____) ____-____

Children Information:

First Name, Last Name	Age (As of Oct 1, 2009)	Grade Level (As of Oct 2009)	Male/ Female	Language class (Hindi, Tamil, Telegu)
First Last				
First Last				
First Last				

Membership:

<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Member (\$400)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Founding Member (\$1000)	Your choice of Pooja: <input type="checkbox"/> Ganesha Chaturthi <input type="checkbox"/> Rama Navami <input type="checkbox"/> Siva Rathri <input type="checkbox"/> Krishna Janmashtami

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Please sign up for at least one volunteering option:

Administrative/Office Help:

- Flyer/Newsletter Internet/Web
 Copying/Printing Bookstore Registration

Balavihar Help:

- Balavihar teacher/Teacher Aide **Class Room Parent (Name)** _____
 Crafts/Arts/Play Props Teaching Language class (Specify) _____
 Annual Day Organization

Support Group:

- Fundraising/Publicity Setup/Manage audio/video system
 Hallway Monitors Setup altar
 Host study group/Satsang/Yagnas Organize Prasadam for Festivals
 Other (Specify) _____

Full Name of Parent Volunteer : _____

- I understand the philosophy of the BBNJ Balavihar program
- I understand the rules of the CMTC BBNJ Balavihar programs and agree to abide by them and ensure that they are followed by my children.

Full Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only:

Amount Paid: _____

Check #: _____

Verified By: _____