



Chinmaya Mission Harleysville Balvihar

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Hari Om! Salutations,

We are very pleased to invite you as a member of the spiritual community to Chinmaya Mission Center in Harleysville, PA. Children are a major focus at Chinmaya Mission Harleysville Center. Today's children are very smart and ask many questions about our cultural / religious practices. They are going through *bi-cultural experience* and run the risk of picking up values /attitudes potentially affecting their future success and happiness unless we are able to answer them with logic and reason.

The remedy is to provide regular, systematic, true spiritual/cultural character building education. In Pujya Swami Chinmayanadaji's words, "**Children are not the vessels to be filled, but lamps to be lit**". The goal of Balvihar is personality development of children by inculcating Healthy habits, Discipline, Positive outlook, Leadership, better Communication with parents, and Strengthen their emotional stability. The curriculum designed for all grade levels (*preK-through 12*) includes topics:

- 🕯️ Surya Namaskar & Yoga 🕯️ Balvihar alphabets 🕯️ Symbolism in Hinduism
🕯️ Stories from Ramayana, Mahabharata & Bhagavatam 🕯️ Values taught in Gita 🕯️ Bhajans, skits, puzzles & games

In 2009-10 Balvihar students participated in several community activities and received much appreciation:

- **UPENN Peace Around The World** – Performed *Ramaleela Musical & Exhibit on India*
- **Gita Chanting Competition**– Several students won prizes in memorizing Gita Ch. 10 (Vibhuti Yoga)
- **Telugu Association Diwali Program** – Performed *Ramleela Musical*
- **North Penn High School International Spring Festival**– *Gita Chanting and its Message*
- **Philadelphia Ganesh Festival**- Musical *Achyutam Kesavam* at the Bharatiya Temple
- **Kedarotsav, Chinmaya Mission Tri-State Center**- Skits *Samudra Manthan & Trees Our Friends*

The Balvihar Classes for children age 4-18 years start Sept. 19, 2010, Sundays 9:30 – 11:30 am. Volunteer opportunities available for High School Students. Visit www.chinmayaharleysville.org for further details.

- **Yoga & Vedanta Study Classes for Parents/Adults (Sundays 9:30 – 11:30 am)** – Gita and Upanishads are of little use if we do not understand the correct meaning and its values in making a person all inclusive, loving, and peaceful. In Lord Shri Krishna's words, the goal of human life is "**Atmano Mokshartha Jagat-hitayacha**"- *for one's own salvation and welfare of the World*. The Vedanta Study syllabus designed by Pujya Swami Chinmayanadaji provides a holistic understanding of scriptures through logical explanation, reason, and devotion. *Jnana Yagnas* (discourses) by holy saints provide opportunities for satsang and true understanding of spiritual wisdom. Also, inspired parents can guide their children more effectively.
- Chinmaya Harleysville Center is in the process of establishing an **Institution of Vedanta Studies and Educational Center in the near future**. We request you to avail this opportunity to provide children and the entire family an environment that nurtures Spirituality, Universal Acceptance, Love, Compassion, Peace and Devotion. **REGISTER TODAY**. Looking forward for your participation and support.
Hari Om.

Sincerely,

Chinmaya Mission Harleysville Center Executive Committee



“Chinmaya International Foundation is a bridge between past and present, East and West, science and spirituality, pundit and the public.”

— Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda

