

ICCT Sunday School Parents Handbook

Our Mission

The mission of the ICCT Sunday School is to impart knowledge of Hindu religion and Indian culture in ways that inspire the students.

The Plan of Action

We wish to achieve our goal through the following:

1. *Shlokas and Bhajans.*
We will teach a new shloka and bhajan each month.
2. *Story Telling.*
The theme for this year is the Bhagvatham & Ramayan.
3. *Arts and Crafts.*
We wish to enhance the creativity of our students by creating artistic projects based on Indian themes.
4. *Social Interaction.*
Mingle and make friends with kids from similar backgrounds, heritage and values.
5. *Temple Visits.*
Pooja for special occasions.
6. *Celebration of festivals.*

The kids will participate in activities such as

- Leading the Bhajans.
- Presentations on important festivals and special events.
- Group discussions.
- Coloring and quizzes.
- Volunteer and Charity work – For all major festivals we will have a food drive (non-perishable) for the homeless.

“You as a parent are your child’s first and most important teacher”.

Parents and children need to be committed to make the Sunday School experience a success.

Handouts will be made available through our website at <http://www.icctsundayschool.org/>. It is each child’s responsibility, with the help of the parents if needed, to keep their folders updated in a timely manner.

Admission Policy

1. Effective this year **new** students have to be above the age of 4 as of August 1, 2007.
2. Parents have to be a member of the ICCT.
 - Non-voting member – \$100 per year
or
 - Voting member - \$500 per year

Class Timings

Classes will be held at the ICCT Cultural Center every Sunday between 10.30 and 11:45 a.m., August through May, except on declared holidays and emergencies.

Students are expected to arrive by 10:20 a.m.

Fees:

ICCT Membership -

- Non-voting member – \$100 per year
or
- Voting member - \$500 per year

Registration Fees for Sunday School - \$25 per student per year.

Class grouping

Children will be placed in groups by age and the classes they have already attended.

- Group 1 – Age 4 and above.
- Group 2 – Bhagvatham.
- Group 3 – Ramayan.
- Group 4 – Hindu Philosophy.

The general format for the class will be

- Omkara
- Shlokas
- Story Telling / Crafts / Presentation about a festival
- Group activity
Group 1 – Coloring and Crafts.
Group 2 – Workbook and Crafts.

Group 3 – Workbook and Crafts.

Group 4 – Group discussion on a specific topic

- Bhajans
- Aarti

Food:

Food, Drinks or chewing gum is not allowed during the class.

As a rule we will not be serving a meal after each class. If parents want to bring cookies or juice they are welcome to. On special occasions, which will be announced ahead of time, we may have a special treat.

Volunteers:

Parents who wish to volunteer are assigned responsibilities for taking on the jobs of setting up the classrooms, nametags, notifications, special events co-ordination, food etc.

Supplies:

1. One inch Ring Binder to hold all handouts.
2. 30-40 sheet protectors to hold all the handouts.
3. Two Pencils.
4. Eraser.
5. Box of Crayons for coloring workbook.
6. Workbook – Students who have their workbook from last year can use the same.
7. Tote bag/backpack labeled with name of student.
8. 10 pack dividers for Binder