

Vedanta Center of Greater Washington, DC

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MAY 2017 SCHEDULE

Minister: Swami Sarvadevananda

Resident Monks: Swami Atmajnanananda
Swami Brahmarupananda
Swami Chidbrahmananda



Ramakrishna Order of India

<u>Sunday Lecture 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Friday Class 8:00 PM</u>
7 Swami Chidbrahmananda Manifesting Inner Joy	5 <i>Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i>
14 Swami Brahmarupananda The Sage of Steady Wisdom III	12 <i>Bhagavad Gita</i>
21 Swami Chidbrahmananda Hearing God	19 <i>Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna</i>
28 Swami Atmajnanananda The Holy Name of God IV	26 <i>Life of Holy Mother</i>
	<u>Wednesday Class 8:00 PM</u>
	<i>Vivekacudamani</i>

Ram Nam

Ram Nam will be held at the Center on **Saturday May 6** at 7:30 PM, immediately after evening *arati* and meditation. All are invited to stay for potluck dinner following the program.

Karma Yoga

We invite you to join us Saturday mornings from 9 am to 1 pm in performing various weekly chores of the center: maintenance, gardening and landscaping, cleaning, office work, etc.

Temple Hours

The temple will be open for morning meditation at 5 am and daily Puja at 7:45 am, and will remain open throughout the day until the close of evening meditation at 8 pm. Evening *arati* begins at 6:30 pm. Devotees may enter through the double doors at the main entrance to the temple or through the front door entrance to the Center. All are welcome.

Parents with small children are welcome to watch the Sunday lecture on the movie screen in the lower level of the temple while their children are free to quietly play.

Interviews

Those who would like to come to the Center for a private meeting with a resident swami or one of the visiting swamis may schedule an appointment either by phone or in person.

Social Service

The Vedanta Center participates in a volunteer program at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring. Please let us know if you would like to take part. Service is on the third Friday of the month.

Grocery Gift Cards

We urge all of you to take part in our gift card program. Gift cards for Giant, Shopper's, and Lotte/Assi Plaza may be purchased at the Center following the Sunday lecture or during visiting hours, and are used just like a debit card when purchasing groceries. This is an important part of our monthly income and a way to support the Center at no cost to you.

Vedanta Medical Clinic

The Vedanta Medical Clinic offers free medical services to all, regardless of income level, insurance coverage, or immigration status. Hours of operation are Wednesday morning, 9 am to 12 noon, and Sunday afternoon, 2 to 5 pm. To make an appointment, please call 240-516-6726.

Web Site

Please visit our Web Site at www.vedantadc.org. Listen to lecture recordings, see photographs of the center, and find out about upcoming events.

Climate March

The Vedanta Center will be one of the sponsoring interfaith groups at the Climate March on April 29. There will be several different groups marching for various social justice causes. We will be marching under the banner of: "Keepers of Faith" upholding the ideal of "All faiths respect the earth. Stewardship of our planet is a moral duty." The walk will be preceded by a prayer gathering at 11 am at 3rd St NW between Madison Drive NW and Jefferson Drive NW. Please register at <http://bit.ly/2o25aLV> so that they may keep track of the number of participants. If anyone would like to leave for the walk from the Center, please let us know and we will try to arrange rides to the Glenmont Metro Line.

For more information, visit:
peoplesclimate.org/lineup/

Vedanta Summer Camp 2017

Dates: July 3th to August 21th

Place: Vedanta Center of Greater Washington D.C.

Ages: 6-16 (classes will be grouped according to age)

Costs: Day Camp (lunch and snacks included) \$100/week
Overnight Camp (all meals included) \$150/week

Our third annual Summer Camp Experience will feature a broad curriculum based on the ideals of Swami Vivekananda. Designed to educate and inspire while nourishing mind, body and spirit, our camp will help instill healthy values in your children, providing a firm foundation that will last throughout their lives.

The Summer Camp is three weeks in total; however, single weeks can be selected. Overnight accommodations are available for those who would like to stay. All meals will be provided for overnight campers, lunch and snacks for day campers.

Both Day and Overnight camps are from Monday to Friday only. Weekend stays are available by special arrangement.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Number of children attending: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Will be attending (mark each week):

_____ Week 1 (July 3 – 7) _____ Overnight (\$150) _____ Daytime Only (\$100)

_____ Week 2 (July 10 – 14) _____ Overnight (\$150) _____ Daytime Only (\$100)

_____ Week 3 (July 17 – 21) _____ Overnight (\$150) _____ Daytime Only (\$100)

TOTAL: _____ X 150 + _____ X 100 = \$ _____

Please fill out and sign the Registration Form and send it to the Vedanta Center along with your check for the appropriate amount. All checks should be payable to the Vedanta Center of Greater Washington, DC and should be received no later than May 31.

RELEASE STATEMENT: I hereby release the Vedanta Center of Greater Washington, DC from any and all liability for sickness or injury during the Yoga Summer Camp on July 20th – August 7th at the Vedanta Center, including injuries on the trip to and from the retreat, and any and all liability whatsoever. I understand that I am completely responsible for my own well-being and that of my family, and hold the Vedanta Center of Greater Washington, DC completely harmless for liability from any and all situations which may arise.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Swami Vivekananda: On Buddha and Shankara

In Buddha we had the great, universal heart and infinite patience, making religion practical and bringing it to everyone's door. In Shankaracharya we saw tremendous intellectual power, throwing the scorching light of reason upon everything. We want today that bright sun of intellectuality joined with the heart of Buddha, the wonderful infinite heart of love and mercy. This union will give us the highest philosophy. Science and religion will meet and shake hands. Poetry and philosophy will become friends.

I would like to see moral men like Gautama Buddha, who did not believe in a Personal God or a personal soul, never asked about them, but was a perfect agnostic, and yet was ready to lay down his life for anyone, and worked all his life for the good of all, and thought only for the good of all. Well has it been said by his biographer, in describing his birth, that he was born for the good of many, as a blessing to the many. He did not go to the forest to meditate for his own salvation; he felt that the world was burning, and that he must find a way out. "Why is there so much misery in the world?" —was the one question that dominated his whole life.