



Jain Vishwa Bharati of North America

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JVB Gyanshala Registration Form Supplement - 2016-17

Welcome to the 13th year of JVB Gyanshala – the **2016-2017 Session!** Through the instruction of Jainism and Science of Living, JVB Gyanshala strives to impart to its students, life skills for physical, mental and emotional health, a stress free and peaceful life, and spiritual bliss. It also strives to inculcate life values in children that help them grow into responsible adults, who respect and care for their fellow living beings and the environment, who tolerate other religious beliefs and have empathy for others.

With the blessings of H.H. Acharyashri Mahashraman, and under the guidance of Samanijis, along with dedicated volunteer teachers, **Gyanshala will commence this year on Sunday, October 2, 2016 and will run till June 4, 2017.** Classes will be held **Sunday afternoons from 3:30pm-6pm** at the **Jain Temple, 111 Cedar Grove Lane, Franklin, NJ.** Each two and half hour class will include **four subsections – Prayer Assembly, Jainism, Science of Living (Prayer, Yoga & Meditation) and Hindi Language (Optional).** Classes will be taught by Samanijis, volunteer teachers and guest Speakers. A detailed calendar and curriculum shall be made available in Sep 2016. The age of children for Gyanshala is 5-14. Children who complete **5 years of age** on Oct 30, 2016 may apply for enrollment. After enrollment, all students will be placed in one of three groups based on their school grade level –

- 1) Gyan Group (Kindergarten-2)
- 2) Darshan Group (Grades 3-5)
- 3) Charitra Group (Grades 6 & up)

The children of age 3 and 4 also can be enrolled for pre-Gyanshala that is called Sanskar Group. We need at least 5+ children to continue Sanskar group.

Please fill out the attached **registration form** and enclose the **annual registration fee of \$150** in the form of a check payable to JVBNA and mail it to the JVBNA center. Please write your child's name and 'Gyanshala' on your check. All returning students also need to fill out the registration form and pay the registration fees. **Please register by September 25, 2016 to avoid late fees. Registrations received in October will be assessed a late fee of \$50.** Also, after September 30, enrollment cannot be guaranteed. The annual registration fee covers registration and tuition for the entire year. All new students will also receive Gyanshala t-shirts. In addition, new students, and returning students entering new levels, will receive new Jainism books. **All returning students, if they desire, may purchase new t-shirts for \$15 each and new Jainism books for \$15 each.**

To ensure a positive learning experience for all, students will be expected to follow Gyanshala rules and be respectful to Samanijis, teachers and fellow students. Students must be punctual, arriving at least 5 minutes before the start of assembly. The attendance will be taken before the assembly starts. Parents will not be allowed to stay in the Gyanshala when classes are in session. Parents are encouraged to attend any parallel adult Swadhyay sessions that may be offered from time to time by Samanijis. After Gyanshala the parents must pick up their children personally. Students should conduct themselves in an appropriate manner when in Gyanshala and must dress appropriately for the classes. **Yellow Gyanshala t-shirts, and comfortable track pants must be worn for all classes. All students need to carry their books only in JVB string bag.** Students must maintain good attendance and take the annual exam to receive a certificate of completion at the end of the Gyanshala year. Annual Jainism exam paper will include marks as below:

- Annual Projects – 20 marks
- Gyanshala Magazine Article - 20 marks
- Timely homework submission – 10 marks
- Written exam – 50 marks

If you have any/more questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gyanshala Coordinator-Prachi Shah (gyanshala@jvbnj.org) or Samanijis at the JVB NJ center. We look forward meeting you and your child(ren) in October!

Sincerely,



JVBNA Gyanshala Team

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Student's Name : _____ Gender : F M

Date of Birth : _____ Age : _____ Grade in School: _____

Elective Language : Hindi : Yes No

Father's Name : _____

Mother's Name : _____

Address : _____

_____ Zip Code : _____

Phone #: _____ Email : _____

Emergency Contact / Cell Phone : _____

We agree to comply with all policies and regulations of the school. We will not hold Jain Vishwa Bharati of North America (JVBNA), their Board of Directors or the employees/volunteers responsible for any and all injuries to our child resulting on the premises or during performances or for any injury during activities that result outside the scope of JVBNA.

Also, Gyanshala Registration Fee of \$150 is enclosed in the form of a check payable to JVBNA.

Parent's Signature: _____ (Father / Mother) Date: _____