

Chinmaya Mission of Los Angeles - Bala Vihar Program (2010-2011)

Registration Form for Rameshwaram Bala Vihar



The 2010-2011 session of the Bala Vihar classes by Chinmaya Mission of Los Angeles (CMLA) start on **Sunday, 12th September 2010**. The attached material includes information on the Philosophy of the CMLA Bala Vihar Program and rules that we expect enrolled students and their parents to follow.

Please read the information carefully before you return the completed form.

We need your parental participation within the Chinmaya Mission Family. Therefore, **actively** involve yourself in one of the many activities/duties of CMLA. A “Volunteer Registration Form” is enclosed for each parent to fill out. A Volunteer coordinator will contact you in due course with specific assignments.

If you are interested in enrolling your child (ren), please complete and return the attached registration material to your Bala Vihar Coordinator or mail to the address given below. **Enrollment will not be processed unless attached with completed and signed Volunteer Sign-up Forms for each Parent.**

<i>Checklist for Bala Vihar Registration</i>	<i>Submit forms to Bala Vihar Coordinator or mail forms to:</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Read Bala Vihar Philosophy & Rules</i><i>2. Fill out Bala Vihar Registration Form</i><i>3. Fill out one Volunteer Form for each parent</i><i>4. Fill out one Medical Disclaimer for each child</i><i>5. Fill out the Profession form for both parents</i><i>6. Submit forms to your Bala Vihar Coordinator OR Mail forms to the address on the right</i>	<p><i>Chinmaya Rameshwaram 14451 Franklin Ave. Tustin, CA 92780</i></p> <p><i>(Call Rekha Acharya at 714-749-0998 if needed)</i></p>

Payment is due at the time of Registration.

Philosophy of the Bala Vihar Program:

CMLA conducts Bala Vihar classes for children as a part of a comprehensive program for self-development of individuals and families. In corollary, CMLA is a resourceful facilitator; real growth within individuals, families, and communities emerges due to each unit's definite efforts. The Bala Vihar curricula are structured utilizing the teachings of Ancient Indian scriptures as interpreted by Swami Chinmayanandaji, the founder of Chinmaya Mission Worldwide.

General Guidelines:

This comprehensive program will include chanting and memorizing of various verses and texts from Hindu scriptures (in Sanskrit and relevant languages). Highly motivational activities will also include participation of students in special pooja-s, creative functions, community service-oriented projects, and cultural festivities.

In Chinmaya Rameshwaram starting in 2010, children will be grouped according to their school grade, and will follow a structured Shishu through 12 Grade syllabus. For details about the syllabus, please visit our website at www.chinmayala.org

It is most crucial that these Sunday class lessons be supported and enhanced with complementary activities at home. We urge the parents to spend a minimum of one hour per week (e.g. two sessions of thirty minutes each) to reap exceptional benefits from the Bala Vihar class activities. Challengingly, a quality time of twenty minutes each day would be ideal to derive tremendously positive and firm impact within the entire family.

Additional Benefits

- **Regular adult Vedanta classes at RAMESHWARAM Center — All members. Some sessions require registration.**
- Bala Vihar Monthly magazine
- *Mananam* publication & *Tapovan Prasad* magazine - for Sponsor Members only (see the attached for more information)

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Bala Vihar Rules (2010-2011)



Class Schedule, Attendance and Punctuality

- All Bala Vihar classes will be held between September 2010 and June 2011 in two semesters.
- All children are expected to be in their class at the specified time.
Children will not be able to enter the classroom if they are over 10 minutes late.
- Attendance will be taken during each class, and a record will be maintained.
- The assigned Bala Vihar teacher or the local Bala Vihar coordinator must be notified of any absences.
- Appropriate action will be taken if there are **more than 2 consecutive uninformed absences and/or more than 25% absences during a semester.**
- Language classes though optional, attendance is compulsory and a separate record will be maintained.

Follow Up

- Most material will be provided to students but some books may have to be purchased separately.
- Homework will be assigned from time to time to supplement the lessons taught.

Discipline

- Students are expected to behave respectfully towards their teachers, adults and other students.
- **Chewing gum is absolutely prohibited on the Bala Vihar premises.**
- **Taking a cell phone out of the Bala Vihar bag or playing with it on the Bala Vihar premises is strictly prohibited.**
- **Possession or playing with personal toys and electronic game gadgets is strictly prohibited.**
- Students are required to be well mannered and courteous even when they are outside the classroom. All children **must attend the Aarati session at the altar subsequent to the Bala Vihar session.**
- Children should wear appropriate Indian clothing for Bala Vihar and all functions of CMLA.
- **Children/parents should not wear shorts at any time during Bala Vihar**
- **Children/Parents also should not wear T-shirts with offensive captions/language**
- Children are expected to maintain the cleanliness of the facility. Any damage caused by the children or parents to the facility will be appropriately charged. No pets are allowed inside the premises!

Parent Responsibilities/Parking

- By default each parent will be allotted a Sunday when on behalf of the parent the Prasad will be distributed. Parents can request a change of date at the beginning of the academic year.
- **At least one parent/guardian must be present at the Bala Vihar location during the classes.**
- **If the parent/guardian is unable to attend a particular session due to an emergency, guardianship must be assigned to another adult and the Bala Vihar teacher/coordinator must be notified.**
- **At least one parent from each family must sign up for one or more volunteering opportunities.**
- Use of parking slots in the adjacent facilities should be followed per the given instructions.
- **SIMPLY DO NOT** walk across any major streets. Use the pedestrian cross at the appropriate signals.
- Chinmaya Mission is not responsible for any loss of items brought in by the children or parents into the facility where Bala Vihar is conducted.
- Chinmaya Mission is not responsible for any allergy related sickness caused by Prasad (food preparation) that would be distributed at the premises by the sponsoring families.
- **Parents should arrange to pick up the children soon after the conclusion of the Bala Vihar activity from the facility.**

Chinmaya Mission retains the authority to decline the services of Bala Vihar classes with prior notice to anyone who violates any of the above.

Contact Information : If you have questions, please call one of the following Coordinators:

General	Rekha Acharya	(714) 998-1209	rekha12@aol.com
Session I	Shobha Ravikumar	(949) 552-3290	shobharavikumar@hotmail.com
Session II	Anu Ratnam	(714) 256 2621	anuratnam@hotmail.com

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Bala Vihar Registration Form (2010-2011)**



PART I

Parent Information

Name _____
Last Name Father's First Name Mother's First Name

Address _____
Street

City State Zip code

Telephone (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
Home Father's work Mother's work
(____) _____ (____) _____
Father's Cell Mother's Cell

Email1 (primary) _____

Email2 (secondary) _____

Emergency Contact _____ (____) _____
Name Phone

Bala Vihar Information

Requested Bala Vihar (please check one):

- Rameshwaram, Session I (Sundays, 9:00 – 10:30 AM)
 Rameshwaram, Session II (Sundays, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM)

**Language Classes (10:45 – 11:30A.M.)
(optional)**

- Hindi Gujarati Telugu Tamil
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Children Information

Child's Name (1) _____ Male Female
Last First

Date or Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Grade (Sep'10) Child's E-mail Address

Child's Name (2) _____ Male Female
Last First

Date or Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Grade (Sep'10) Child's E-mail Address

Child's Name (3) _____ Male Female
Last First

Date or Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Grade (Sep'10) Child's E-mail Address

Child's Name (4) _____ Male Female
Last First

Date or Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Grade (Sep'10) Child's E-mail Address

Kindly fill all information. Incomplete forms will NOT be accepted.

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PART II

Bala Vihar Yearly Donation

Please check our website at <http://www.chinmayala.org/membership.htm> for the benefits of being a sponsor member.

Name _____
Last Name Father's First Name Mother's First Name

Number of Children _____

Please check one of the following, includes Bala Vihar:

- We would like to be Sponsor Member (\$585/- for 2 or more children)
I would like to receive (included in above donation) Tapovan Prasad (monthly)
 Mananam (half-yearly)
 We would like to be Bala Vihar Patron for one child (\$385/-)

Please check one of the following, add \$35 if you wish to subscribe for both"

- Balavihar Magazine (for ages 4 to 15) Chinmaya Udgosh (for ages 16 and above)

Please Note that the Bala Vihar donation is not refundable. \$50 from above donation will be used towards sponsoring Prashad on behalf of the family.

Payment is due at the time of Registration

Payment Method

- Credit Card _____ MasterCard Visa
Credit Card Number
Name as it appears on card Expiry Date Number on back of card
Credit Card Billing Address Zip: _____
(mandatory)

NOTE: When paying by credit card, there will be an additional \$10.00 Processing Fee.

- Check _____
Number Date

- Cash _____
Date

Signature of the person filling up the form _____ Date _____

Kindly fill all information. Incomplete forms will NOT be accepted.



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Chinmaya Rameshwaram

14451 Franklin Ave., Tustin, CA 92780 Tel: (714) 832-7669

CMLA Bala Vihar Program – 2010-2011 *Disclaimer/Medical Release*

Child's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Tel: _____

Father's Name: _____ Tel: _____

Physician's Name: _____ Tel: _____

Dentist's Name: _____ Tel: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Tel: _____

Medical Information:

Medical conditions if any: _____

Medical Insurance Co: _____ Policy Number: _____

Name of Policy Holder: _____

I give permission for my child to participate in the Bala Vihar program from September 2010 to June 2011. I hereby release CMLA, its staff and volunteers from any responsibility and liability for any illness or injury that my child may sustain during this activity.

I understand that I need to be present on the premises during the Bala Vihar program. In the event that I am unable to be present, in the event of an emergency, I hereby authorize an adult Chinmaya Mission (CMLA) volunteer to take whatever emergency measures that are judged necessary for the care and protection of my child.

In the event of an emergency, I understand that my child will be transported by a local emergency unit for treatment, if deemed necessary by a CMLA volunteer. In certain medical situations, the local emergency resource may be contacted prior to contacting the child's parent or physician.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Chinmaya Rameshwaram - Volunteer Form (2010-2011)



Task & no. of Volunteers per month/group

Brief description of responsibilities

Upkeep of CMLA Facilities:

Facilities inside & outside the building

Check A/C, lights, Restroom requirements, Outside table arrangement, Trash Mgt., Maintain stock of paper goods

Set-up & Facility Support for Events:

Facility set up for Bala Vihar activities_

Arrange chairs, monitor children during assembly, enforce discipline, Cleanliness of hall, Acharya's seat set-up

Organize / Support Parking:

Parking Support for regular & special events

Help teachers park, prepare permits, organize parking on special events

Support in the BV class Activities:

Teacher's Assistant

Help children complete workbooks, arts & crafts, enforce punctuality of children, cleanliness in classrooms

Audio-Video Support:

Audio-Video support , CD/DVD copying

Arrange audio, video, presentations, photography and CD/DVD copying

Communication/Web maintenance:

Flyers, publicity, maintain database & website

Flyer prep., Telethon support for special occasions, Website maint., publicity-distribution of flyers, database maintenance

Food Preparation & Distribution:

Food Support for Weekly / Regular Events

Sunday prasad coord, food distribution & mgmt on special occasions, bhiksha arrangement for resident/visiting acharyas

Maintain & Support Bookstore:

Keep Bookstore open regularly

Display books during weekly/special events, gift-wrap books for occasions, stock maintenance

Pujas and Rituals:

Support rituals / pujas at Rameshwaram_

Perform pujas on weekly & special occasions, maintain altar - lamps, puja materials, Aarati coordination

Help / Support the Community: (ALL MEMBERS)

Support CMLA Members in Need

*Field trips, help in CMLA community service projects
Food drive etc.*

I will be available to volunteer for in the area(s) indicated above in the following group (select one):

Group 1 (Dec' 10, Feb' 11)

Group 2 (Jan' 11, May' 11)

Group 3 (Sept' 10, April' 11)

Group 4 (Oct' 10, June' 11)

Group 5 (Nov' 10, Mar' 11)

Volunteer Name (last, first)

Signature

Date

Email Address

(_____)_____
Home Phone

(_____)_____
Cell Phone

I am interested in the following fields of activities in CMLA (check all boxes that apply):

Vedanta Lectures

Group Discussions

Teacher's Assistant

Children's camp

Yoga

Puja

Health Seminars/Medical camp

Spiritual Camps/Retreats

Meditation

Lectures on Self-development

Classical Music

Bhajans (semi-classical)

Dance (traditional)

Community Service projects

Festivals

Youth activities

Inter-faith seminars

Senior Citizen programs

Other _____

Kindly fill all information. We need one Form from Each Parent.

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Chinmaya Rameshwaram – Parent’s Profession (2010-2011)



Please mark the Profession (of both parents separately),
and write your name against the Profession

- Accounting
- Finance
- Tax Consultancy
- Medicine (Dentistry, Psychiatry etc included)
- Rehabilitation
- Alternative Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Event Management
- Front Office Management
- Hotel Management
- Web design & Development
- Database Management
- Software Development
- Hardware Maintenance
- Electronics
- Human Resources
- Project management
- Production
- Research
- Sales & Marketing
- Construction & Civil
- Real Estate
- Mechanical Engineering
- Art & Fabrics
- Music
- Dance & Fine Arts
- Yoga
- Culinary
- Journalism
- Photography
- Teaching
- Import & Export
- Other _____

Mother’s Name (Last, First) _____ Email Address (_____) _____
Cell Phone

Father’s Name (Last, First) _____ Email Address (_____) _____
Cell Phone

(_____) _____
Home Phone