

Hindu Temple of Central Indiana 2008 Hindu Heritage Camp

The theme of this year's Hindu Heritage camp 2008 was "Hindu Ithihaas (Our History)", conducted by the **Hindu Temple of Central Indiana**. The camp was attended by 130 people (including 70 youth and children) and turned out to be a successful event. The 3 day camp took place at Versailles State Park from August 15th-17th. The camp started on the evening of the 15th, on which participants were welcomed, registered, and given their cabin assignments. Cabin names this year were numerous history leaders. The night concluded with some icebreakers games, Independence Day celebrations, and a pizza party.

On Saturday, the day started at 6:30 AM with yoga sessions, games, welcoming of teachers and guests and introducing them to the theme for the camp. One of the highlights of the morning session was a panel discussion with youth. The participants then separated into respective groups: Childrens, Youths, and Parents, and had sessions and activities for the remainder of the day. Saturday evening concluded with a cultural program by Parents, Youth, and Children, which included skits performed illustrating the History theme, and the famous camp fire. Lastly, Sunday consisted of a yoga session in the morning and a Havan before lunch.

For the camp, we invited three respected teachers from out of town: Mr. Iyenger Ji from India (teacher of Yoga), Nandkishore Ji Sharma from Boston (Hindu Activist of 40 years), and Sanjay Mehta from Pittsburg (Active Youth Coordinator in US). Overall, the camp turned out to be a great success which was enjoyed thoroughly by participants of all ages. Most importantly, the camp represented our Hindu Temple of Central Indiana and served as a united learning event.