

# 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