**Hindu Heritage Camp 2017**

**Counselor Application**

***Basic Information***

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| Name |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Phone number |  |
| E-mail address |  |
| Educational Institution attended/attending |  |
| Year in school/Profession |  |
| Part time or Full time? \*please note that first time counselors must be full time |  |

If you have chosen **Part time**, please explain the reason why you cannot be full time:

***Preference***

This year’s camp dates are the following:

**Camp 1 (2nd – 7th grade): August 1st – August 6th, 2017
Camp 2 (8th – 12th grade): August 8th – August 13th, 2017**

Grade preference: Please **note** your first and second choice.

 Elementary Middle High

***Questions***

**Please take some time and answer the following questions, so we can better understand your interest and motivation for wanting to become a counselor. For questions 1-5, please limit your responses to 500 words each. All applications are due at 11:59 pm CST on March 12th.**

1. Have you attended camp before? If not, how did you hear about the Hindu Heritage Youth Camp?
2. In your opinion, what should be the goals of a Hindu youth camp, and what would be your goals as a counselor?
3. Briefly tell us about your strengths, weaknesses, skills, and qualities.
4. It is time for educations, and you are trying to get the group to settle down so you can begin the discussion. However, there is one camper who keeps on calling attention to himself, and therefore is distracting you and the remaining campers in the group. What do you to return attention to the topic at hand, and make it clear that educations are valuable?
5. There is a camper named Kavya, who has a younger brother named Kartik. Although Kartik is having a wonderful time at camp, Kavya has been incredibly homesick and will not partake in any activities, choosing to cry instead. After seeing his sister crying, Kartik becomes incredibly homesick too and starts crying. How do you relieve the situation to get both to stop crying, keeping in mind that we do not allow campers to call home?
6. Part of camp is holding a discussion with your campers on a topic in Hinduism. In order to do so successfully, counselors must have some level of genuine interest in the topic chosen. Take this space to explain your personal experience with Hinduism, and the role of camp in this. Along with this, please mention some topics that you would be interested in presenting on.
7. Based on your experience, name an area of camp that counselors could improve on and propose a reasonable solution(s)
8. Please list any extracurricular/volunteer activities you are/were involved in. Please note leadership positions you took in any of these activities. Make sure you expand on what you did for these positions.
9. As a counselor you are to attend weekly mandatory meetings, every Sunday afternoon, from May through July. You will also be expected to spend 3-5 hours a week, preparing your educations, and meeting with your group. What other commitments do you have over the summer that could conflict with this?