

Sivaratri Retreat

February 27 – March 2nd, 2014, Seattle, Washington

Gathering in February over the auspicious time of Sivaratri, the SRV Associations and its members, students, and initiates will meet to worship the Lord of Wisdom, and to sing and study the “Sivanam Sankirtanam” together. Through recitation, chanting, study, and memorization — i.e., svadhyaya — the truths of religion and philosophy get imprinted in both the subtle and causal memory, leaving a beneficial atmosphere there. At this retreat, a hands-on participation in both chanting, finding, and contemplating the meaning of Sanskrit words and slokas will form the emphasis.

“A tiger skin around His handsome body, His cosmic dance astounds His legions. Transported, they watch as writhing snakes and disheveled hair swirl around a graceful neck garlanded with skulls. Light from the crescent moon on His brow enhances the enthralling scene.” – Tulsidas

Text: “Sri Sivanam Sankirtanam” (and other stotrams)

Location: Seattle, Washington

Arrival: Thursday, February 27, after dinner and by 10:00pm

Departure: Sunday, March 2nd, at 12:00pm (approximately)

Tuition (all inclusive): \$275; student: \$137

Registration: Starts now. Tuition is due by **Feb 14**

Financial hardship? Call 808-990-3354 to discuss options

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The Stunning Insights of Gaudapada’s Karika

May 22 – 26th, 2014, Wind River region, Washington

In and throughout the vast sweep of Indian philosophy and religion there is scarcely anything as profound and elevating as Advaita, Nonduality. The identity of the apparently individualized soul with the Supreme Soul (Jivatman and Paramatman) is a subject that transcends all others, and which ennobles the aspiring mind like no other.

Taking Lord Gaudapada’s famous commentary on the Mandukyopanisad, a series of classes will be engaged in that is designed to help the human mind, stuck in relativity and accustomed to duality, to penetrate into the supreme mysteries of nondual Reality. This indepth process, taken up in sacred retreat, will be further implemented via periods of deep meditation.

Location: Windwood Waters retreat site near Stevenson, WA

Arrival: Thursday, May 22, between 4:00 & 6:00 pm

Departure: Monday, May 26, 1:00pm

Registration: Starts now. Tuition and lodging fees are due by **May 16th**

Register by email: srvinfo@srv.org or by phone 808-990-3354

Costs: Tuition and meals: \$410 (lodging additional); Student: \$225 (lodging additional)

Lodging: Private room single, \$240; private room shared with 1 - 2 others, \$160/person; semi-private lodge sleeping, \$120*; Tenting, \$80* *bring your own bedding/towels

SRV American River Retreat over Independence Day

The Life and Teachings of Swami Vivekananda

July 3 – 9, 2014, Forest Hill, CA

- Live in holy company for a full week – meditating, studying, serving, and growing together.
- Each morning begins with chanting from the Bhagavad Gita prior to meditation.
- Daily classes include essential teachings of Yoga and Vedanta.
- Afternoons include explorations and swimming/sunning along the American River.
- Afternoon Chela Dharma class held for teens and young adults.
- Evening devotions at the altar, singing and chanting, meditation, and satsang.
- Concurrent Children's Retreat — Children, ages 6 to approximately 13 have their own simultaneous retreat. Activities include "salute to the sun," morning ritual, meditation, Vedic stories and lessons, and arts and crafts.

Location: Private land in Foresthill, California near the American River

Arrival: Arrive by 6pm, Thursday, July 3

Last day of retreat: Wednesday, July 9 (approximately noon, clean up follows)

Tuition: all inclusive

Adult full retreat: \$660

Student full retreat: \$330

Adult weekend: \$275

Student weekend: \$140

Adult daily: \$110

Student daily: \$55

Registration Due: starts now and tuition is due by Monday, **June 23**

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Navaratri Retreat on Lakshmi Puja

Chanting and Study of the "108 Names of Sri Sarada Devi"

October 9 – 13th, 2014, Stevenson, Washington

Celebrating the subtle but palpable presence of the Wisdom Mother, SRV Associations offers their annual Navaratri retreat, held again at Windwood Waters on the Columbia River Gorge. Along with the chanting of the "108 Names of Sri Sarada," the devotees will take a deep look into the Mother scriptures of India, such as the Chandi and the Srimad Devi Bhagavatam.

Location: Windwood Waters retreat site near Stevenson Washington

Arrival: Thursday, October 9 after 4:00pm

Departure: Monday, October 13, 12:00pm (approximately)

Costs: Tuition and meals: \$410 (lodging additional); Student: \$225 (lodging additional)

Lodging: Private room single, \$240; private room shared with 1 - 2 others, \$160/person;

semi-private lodge sleeping, \$120*; Tenting, \$80* *bring your own bedding/towels

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Registration: Starts now. Tuition and other fees are due by **September 26**

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Weekend Seminar on the Bhagavad Gita

Specific Gita Chapters, Slokas, with Meditation

July 26 – 27, 2014 SRV Oregon Ashram

During this weekend seminar, the essential message of the Bhagavad Gita will be expounded. As Sri Ramakrishna has stated, *“The essence of the Gita is what one gets when one repeats the word “gita” over and over again. It turns into “tyagi,” which means renunciation.....”*

Location: SRV Oregon Ashram in Portland

Schedule:

(2 class sessions each day. Gita chanted at morning meditation)

Saturday, July 26: 6:00am – 5:00pm (breakfast/dinner)

Sunday, July 27: 6:00am – 5:00pm (breakfast only)

Tuition: \$220

Meals: Breakfasts & Saturday dinner included; lunches not provided.

Registration: Starts now. Tuition due by **July 18**

Accommodations: This is a non-residential seminar

Contact us if you would like assistance with lodging.

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