

Durga BalGokul



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1. DBG Vision, Mission, and Core Values
 - a. **Vision:** To ignite, foster, revere and preserve ancient Hindu Dharma, Culture, Values and Way of Life amongst children.
 - b. **Mission:** To provide a fun, social and educational environment that enables children to acquire a healthy understanding, and subsequently a pride and reverence for their ancient Hindu religion, culture, and a core value system such that the children are inspired to apply them into their daily life, exchange thoughts and ideas with peers, develop a confident self-identity, and sense of belongingness to the community.
 - c. **Core values:** Durga BalGokul runs its operations grounded in 5 Core Values – *Children First, Persistent Learning, Service Excellence, Accountability, and Transparency* -- that guide the internal conduct of DBG, and executes itself via 4 behavioral standards namely *Integrity, Respect, Team Work, and Compassion*.

2. DBG Overview
 - a. Total Duration: 9 months, follows Fairfax County Calendar Year, September - June
 - b. Weekly Location: Durga Temple, Pre-Prarambhika - Temple Loft, Prarambhika - Classroom 1, Madhyama - Classroom 2
 - c. Weekly Timing: Sundays 5 - 6:15pm (followed by Aarti and Bhandara)
 - d. Children Groupings:
 - i. Pre-prarambhika (3 - 5yrs., attending pre-school)
 - ii. Prarambhika (5 - 7yrs., attending Kindergarten through Grade - 2)
 - iii. Madhyama (8yrs. and above, attending Grade - 3 and higher)

3. DBG Weekly Recurring Activities
 - a. Pre-Prarambhika (5 - 6:05pm)
 - b. Prarambhika
 - i. Bhajans (5 - 5:30pm)
 - ii. Religious Class (5:40 - 6:15pm)
 - c. Madhyama
 - i. Bhajans (5 - 5:35pm)
 - ii. Religious Class (5:40 - 6:20pm)
 - d. 4th Sunday of every month - Alternate Arts and Crafts and Games (5:40 - 6:20pm)
 - e. Children get DBG library membership as part of the program where they can check out 250+ Amar Chitra Katha books on various Hindu religious and historical characters

4. Religious Class and Bhajan Curriculum Goals
 - a. Facilitate children to appreciate, learn, and practice Hindu Dharma, Values and Way of life
 - b. Instill pride and confidence in Hindu children about their identity
 - c. Understand our Hindu way of life by exposure to aspects such as prayers, bhajans and stories
 - d. Reinforce concepts for Pre-Prarambhika children by practical demonstrations, story telling and activities (coloring, crafts etc.)

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- e. Reinforce concepts for Prarambhika and Madhyama children through participation in cultural activities, role plays, skits, Q/ A sessions, quizzes and class discussions
 - f. Develop students leadership skills and sense of community by having them volunteer during events to do setup, help in temple activities, and help in general DBG activities
 - g. Provide social and family circle for Hindu teens and young adults to help in leading their "Grihasta Ashram"
5. DBG Staff and Volunteers
- a. All DBG classes and activities are staffed with either Fixed or Rotating resources
 - b. All Fixed Activities have a Primary and a Secondary staff
 - c. Rotating Activities are opportunities for Parents' Volunteering
 - i. Arts and Crafts
 - ii. Games
 - iii. Children Seva
 - iv. Logistical Support (technical, chairs / event setup, bhajans/classes prep, etc..)
6. DBG Official Yearly Event
- a. VHP Mela in March/ April with food
7. DBG Participation in Temple Cultural Activities and Other Events
- a. 2 Informal Internal Events
 - i. December focused on group performance
 - ii. Annual Day in May/June focused on individual performance
 - b. Dusshera and Holi Mela
 - i. DBG Level bhajans and shlokas only
 - ii. Parent Volunteer driven cultural activities
 - c. Participation in other periodic events such as Shivratri, Ramnavmi, etc..
8. Governance and Administration
- a. DT Admin - Shri Sant Gupta Jee
 - b. VHPA Admin - Shri Shivram Jee
 - c. DBG Core Team (14 members)
 - d. Dhananjay Jee is the liaison between DBG Core Team and DT and VHPA
 - e. DBG Volunteer Team - Will Vary
 - f. 3 All-Hands Meetings (all Parents) with survey results and actions
 - g. Monthly DBG Core Team Meetings
9. Fee Structure (Determined by Durga Temple and VHPA)
- a. DT = \$151 per family per year
 - b. VHPA = \$75 (1st child), \$50 (2nd child), \$25 per child (3rd child onwards)
 - c. Yearly Lumpsum to support DBG activities = \$50 per family
 - i. VHP Mela Food Cost for family
 - ii. Annual Day Plaque, Certificates, etc..

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- iii. Cultural Events accessories
- iv. Time-to-time Prizes for Children
- d. Parents have to make 2 separate checks in name of VHPA and Durga Temple and provide \$50 cash for registration

10. Registration Details

- a. DTBG family comprises of 37 families, with 53 children enrolled to the program for 2009-10, as of September, 2009.
- b. Registration for year 2009-10 are closed, however forms are accepted throughout the year on waitlist basis.
- c. The core team reviews the availability of seats on a monthly basis and allocates seats to waitlisted children, on first-cum-first serve basis. Admission decisions are communicated and dues are collected from new parents.
- d. Registration form is available on Durga Temple website.
- e. Parents can send filled registration forms and questions to email-ID 'Parents.durgabg@gmail.com'.
- f. **NOTE:** Checks and other dues will be collected only once the admission is confirmed.