What is the meaning of word “Arhum” used for the name of the camp?

The name of our youth camp is inspired by the Arhum Yoga camps Guruji held at Siddhachalam in the 80s and early 90s. “Arhum” means the soul in its perfected state. It is a manifestation of Arihant. Together with Aum and Hreem it is the centerpiece of rishi mandal mantra and stotram. Guruji used to train children in chanting the rishi mandal mantra. During our camp all children will learn the rishi mandal mantra and its chanting.

What is the camp's staff-to-camper ratio?

The staff-to-camper ratio is at minimum of 1 staff member to 10 campers.

What are the sleeping arrangements at camp?

Campers share and sleep in large cabins. Each cabin can easily accommodate 8 campers of the same gender with one two bathrooms. Counsellors and Camp Directors sleep in the same area within their cabins. For more details, visit: http://www.siddhachalam.org/activities/stay/

How does Siddhachalam keep camper fees so low?

Siddhachalam camps are much less expensive than the majority of summer camps held elsewhere. We are able to keep low camper fees because all administrators, camp directors and instructors are dedicated volunteers who cover their own expenses. By passing our savings on to campers, we make summer camp accessible to more youth while maintaining a high standard of quality.

What will my child take away from this camp?

Camp provides a nurturing, inclusive, and supportive environment. We hope campers will leave with a higher sense of confidence and conviction in their own beliefs. Further, Campers will gain a practical understanding of Jain philosophy and learn how to apply Jain principles such as ahimsa (non-violence), satya (truth) and anekantwad (the doctrine that truth depends on standpoint) into their daily life.

What is the maximum number of campers at a camp?

Currently, we accept a maximum of 40 campers. Our aim is to keep a small, community feel at camp.

Is there a doctor on available?

A doctor is not on site, but one will be on call 24/7 during the entire camp.

How is the food?

Awesome! Ever since early 1980s when Siddhachalam was founded, it has followed a practice of joyfully serving without charge simple, freshly-made food to all. Fresh food is made two-three times a day. Children will also participate and learn Jain principles followed in the kitchen.