



Spiritual Virtues Summer Camp

for Children Ages 4 – 12

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Parenting with Virtues Class

Beaverton Bahá'í Center

August 3 – 6

Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

The Bahá'í Community of Beaverton and New Thought Center for Spiritual Living (NTCSL) are joyful co-sponsors of a Spiritual Virtues Summer Camp for children.

Participants will be welcomed into a warm and accepting space where they will be gently guided to discover the gifts of virtues that live within them. Virtues are qualities of the heart and the content of our character. We will foster safe and supportive environments, both indoors and outdoors, to practice the virtues and explore their meaning. Children will have the opportunity to make new friends and experience unity between spiritual communities. All children are welcome!

CAMP REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- * Teachers and youth mentors trained in the spiritual education of children.
- * Playful age-appropriate activities focused on the virtue of the day that incorporate:
 - o Prayer
 - o Music
 - o Dance
 - o Drama
 - o Stories
 - o Art
 - o Science
- * Service Projects
- * Special guests
- * Healthy snack daily
- * Camp Journal
- * Virtues Camp T-shirt



Camp Virtues

Compassion, Helpfulness
Peacefulness, Patience, Service,
Cooperation, Forgiveness,
Generosity, Excellence,
Joyfulness, Unity, Justice, Love,
Truthfulness, Obedience, Trust,
Respect, Gentleness,
Understanding

“Virtues are what’s good about us.”

Sharon, age 6

—from The Virtues Project

Sowing seeds of kindness and compassion in the world starts
with children and all who touch their lives.

“So powerful is the light of unity
that it can illuminate the whole earth.”

—Bahá'u'lláh

The Spiritual Virtues Summer Camp content is based on the global work of the Virtues Project™, an initiative honored by the United Nations that provides the principles and tools to empower people to live by their highest values.

Inspiration also comes through the Seeds of Compassion™ movement in which numerous religious leaders—including His High Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu—have united to discuss the teaching of compassion to children and youth.

In addition, material is supplied from the internationally-studied Ruhi Institute courses from the Bahá'í Faith.

Ruhi teachings give great attention to the development of spiritual qualities and to those beliefs, habits and behaviors that constitute the essential attributes of a spiritual being.

Resources:

www.seedsofcompassion.org

www.virtuesproject.com

www.ruhiresources.org

“All major religious traditions carry basically the same message— that is love, compassion and forgiveness—the important thing is they should be part of our daily lives”

—The Dalai Lama

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

A Parenting with Virtues class will be offered daily during the Summer Camp. Parents are invited to attend any or all sessions. We'll use this time to make positive connections and support each other in bringing the gifts of the virtues to our parenting and family decision-making. We will use materials from The Family Virtues Guide, by Linda Kavelin Popov.

Parents are also welcomed as volunteers; there are a variety of ways to serve inside and outside the classrooms.

Childcare for children younger than 4 years old will be provided at no charge to parents attending the parent class or volunteering.

Please choose these options on the registration form and include info for children under 4 years old.

DISCOUNTS

Discounted rates are offered for parents who can volunteer for at least 3 hours; please indicate your availability by taking the discount on the registration form. Financial aid is available through the sponsoring organizations. See contact info.

Spiritual Virtues Camp Registration Form

August 3-6, 2009

Child's First and Last Name	Age	Allergies, Medications, Special Needs, etc.

Parent(s)/Guardian First and Last Name(s):		
Address		email Address:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:
Medical Insurance Company:		Policy #:
Emergency Contact (other than parents):		Phone:
Authorization: (persons <i>other than parents</i> who may pick up your child from Camp)		

Tuition:

By June 15th, 2009

- _____ \$75 1st Child
- _____ \$55 each Additional Sibling
- _____ \$5 Parenting Class Materials Fee
- _____ (-\$25) Parent helper discount
- _____ **After June 15th Add \$20/child**
- _____ **Total Amount**

Financial Aid is available. Use Contact Info.

Make check payable to:

Beaverton Bahá'í Center Fund c/o Summer Camp 2009

Return forms and payment to:

Beaverton Bahá'í Center
 5355 SW Murray Blvd
 Beaverton, Oregon 97005

Photography Release

I give permission for my child(ren) to be photographed during the Spiritual Virtues Day Camp for the purpose of camp advertising and art projects: YES NO

Liability Statement

We understand that: Any participant that endangers other campers or fails to follow a basic set of camp rules will be sent home. Modesty in dress is required. Some activities present risk of injury to participants, and we and the participant agree to assume that risk. We agree to hold Beaverton Baha'i Center and Spiritual Virtues Day Camp staff harmless from any liability for any injury to the participant or any other person or entity.

Medical Emergency Authorization

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the minor(s) listed above, grant permission to the Spiritual Virtues Day Camp staff, as agents of the undersigned, to authorize emergency treatment and hospital care for my child(ren) while at Camp August 3-6, 2009.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

**For information or to volunteer
please contact:**

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*“Regard man as a mine rich in gems of
inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause
it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind
to benefit therefrom.”*

—Babá'u'lláh