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YSS Camp for Children & Teens 2026

May 30 – June 6, 2026 | Shoolini University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh

Jai Guru!

We are happy that you are considering/planning to send your children to the YSS Camp for Children & Teens at Shoolini University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh from May 30 (evening) to June 6, 2026 (morning).

Here below is useful information to help you plan for dropping and picking up your child for the camp and also to plan for your own stay during the camp.

This document covers:


Transport arrangements at YSS Noida ashram and YSS Chandigarh kendra for campers


Three options for camper drop off and pickup by parents


Parent accommodation at YSS Noida ashram, YSS Chandigarh kendra


Other stay options near Solan for parents - YSS Shimla Retreat, & Hotels


Financial assistance to those who need it



About the YSS Camp for Children & Teens

The information about this camp was announced in the YSS Blog on Feb 6, 2026 and the applications were open from March 15, 2026. Please read: yssi.org/SolanCamp

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Summary

- **Financial assistance:** Financial assistance is available for eligible participants who cannot afford the camp fee. Please fill out this **form** to apply for assistance.



- **Transportation:** Free-of-charge travel arrangements to Shoolini University have been made from the Noida Ashram and the Chandigarh Kendra.



- **Drop off & pick up:** Children may be dropped off and picked up at either of these locations, and our volunteers will accompany them to Shoolini University
  - If possible, please reach Chandigarh Kendra for dropping off children since Chandigarh kendra is only 2.5 hours from Shoolini compared to a 9-hour journey by bus to Shoolini from Noida
  - **Drop off timings for May 30, 2026 (Saturday)**
    - YSS Noida Ashram by 7:45 a.m.
    - YSS Chandigarh Kendra between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon
    - Shoolini Campus on May 30 - by 5:00 a.m.



  - **Pick up timings for June 6, 2026 (Sunday)**
    - From YSS Noida Ashram around 5:00 p.m.
    - From YSS Chandigarh Kendra around 12:00 noon
    - From Shoolini University between 10 a.m. and 12:00 noon

- **Parent retreat options:** Parents can handover their child to YSS volunteers at these locations and can then take a retreat at YSS Noida Ashram, YSS Shimla Retreat, YSS Chandigarh Kendra, (with adjacent guest house accommodation), or other stay options at Solan.

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Transportation Arrangements

- Free-of-charge arrangements are being made by YSS volunteers to transport the campers and volunteers (but not parents) by AC buses to the Shoolini University campus from YSS Noida Ashram and YSS Chandigarh Kendra. The goal is to make it convenient for parents so that they don't have to travel all the way to Shoolini campus to drop off their children. We also want to help the campers reach by May 30 evening so that they settle into their rooms and get to know their groups and group leaders before they start the camp program from May 31 early morning.

Travel times - for your information:

- The bus journey from YSS Noida ashram to Shoolini University takes approximately 9 hours with restroom breaks. Snacks will be provided during the journey. There will be a lunch break at YSS Chandigarh Kendra.
- The bus/van journey from YSS Chandigarh Kendra to Shoolini University takes approximately 2.5 hours.
- Parents arriving by train to Kalka can reach Shoolini University in about 1.5 hours by cab - on their own.)

After the camp, the campers will be transported back to the respective pickup points at YSS Noida Ashram and YSS Chandigarh Kendra.

Please note: This transport arrangement is being provided free of cost to the campers through the kind donation of YSS/SRF devotees.

Please fill this form to indicate your interest in availing this drop-off and pick-up option for your child.

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Three Options for Camper Drop off & Pick up

Parents can choose to hand over and pick up their children to YSS volunteers at one of three locations as is convenient for their travel location and time.

Drop off

1. On May 30: at YSS Noida Ashram by 7:30 am (buses leave at 7:45 am)
2. On May 30: at YSS Chandigarh Kendra before 12:00 noon
3. On May 30: at Shoolini University before 5:00 pm

Pick up

Here are the tentative pick up times on June 6 after the camp:

1. From YSS Noida Ashram around 5:00 p.m.
2. From YSS Chandigarh Kendra around 12:00 noon
3. From Shoolini University between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

Suggestion: Parents from different cities (farther away from NCR, Chandigarh) may want to make arrangements with trusted parents/volunteers from their respective Kendras so that they can travel together.

Please fill this form to indicate how you plan to drop and pick up your child for the camp.

Please save these contact number +91 84228 78748 and +91 83696 94739 so that you can receive a call regarding transportation or call back for clarifications about transportation and stay.

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Parent arrival and stay options

Here are four options for outstation parents to spend their time fruitfully while the camp is in progress:

Option 1: Retreat at YSS Noida Ashram from May 29 (Friday) to June 7, 2026 (Sunday)

- Outstation parents can arrive at YSS Noida Ashram from May 29 and stay at the ashram overnight and for a personal retreat (if interested)
- Parents can hand over their children to the transportation volunteers before 7:30 a.m. on May 30 before the buses leave.
- Parents can take a retreat at the YSS Noida Ashram during the camp week, if interested.

Note: Please reach out on your own directly to the Reception at YSS Noida Ashram(+91 9899811808, +91 9899811909) for booking your stay.

Option 2: Retreat at YSS Chandigarh Kendra from May 29 (Friday) to Jun 7, 2026 (Sunday)

- Outstation parents can arrive at YSS Chandigarh Kendra on May 29 or May 30 and stay at the adjacent Gurjar Bhavan or another accommodation arranged by the Kendra nearby.
- Parents can hand over their children to the transportation volunteers on May 30 in the morning or 12:00 noon before the bus/van leaves.

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- Parents can take a retreat at the YSS Chandigarh Kendra during the camp week.
    - The Kendra is open all day.
    - Morning and evening group meditations are conducted at the Kendra, and a book room is also available at this spacious and historic meditation centre.
    - The Kendra will help retreatants in making their food arrangements and travel to nearby places during the day.

Note: Please reach out to the YSS Chandigarh Kendra (+91 9914017858 and +91 9988886532) for booking your stay near the Kendra for a personal retreat.

Option 3: Retreat at Shimla

- Parents can hand over their child to YSS volunteers at the designated drop points on May 30 and then go to YSS Shimla Retreat (Ananda Shikhar Sadhanalaya) for their personal retreat up to June 5.

Note: Please reach out directly to the YSS Shimla Retreat (+91 9418638808, +91 9459051087, +91 9817156469) for booking your stay there.

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Option 4: Hotels near Shoolini University

- Parents can handover their child to YSS volunteers at Shoolini University on May 30 and then choose to stay at nearby hotels.
- Here is a list of Hotel stay options from the YSS Meditation Centre, Solan (which is 40 minutes from Shoolini University by car):
  - Hotel Golden Benchers
  - Hotel Vasu Regency

- Please contact the hotels directly to make inquiries and book your stays.

Note: Please reach out directly on (+91 94187 47027) from the Solan Centre for any information you might need with regard to the area and local stay.

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Financial Assistance

- For parents who cannot afford the camp registration fee of Rs. 5000, there is a provision for financial assistance of a reduction up to 50% to a limited number of campers.
    - The fee helps to defray the cost of accommodation, meals, and facilities to be paid to Shoolni University as well as for transportation and camp material costs borne by YSS.
- Parents who wish to avail this financial assistance may **please fill this form.**
- This form will be reviewed by YSS, and if approved, you will hear back from the YSS Help Desk team with a special registration link with a discounted fee.

Please note:

- Parents are still expected to make their own transportation arrangements (via public transport, bus, train, plane etc.) to drop their children to one of the drop points mentioned above.

This financial assistance is made possible through the kind donation of YSS/SRF devotees who would like eligible children/teenagers to benefit from the How-to-Live teachings of Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda. If you can help pay for another child's camp experience, please consider making a donation at the time of online registration or at **yssi.org/donate**.

Answers to Common Questions

A comprehensive document that captures all the answers to common questions about the camp, and about the application and approval process can be found **here**