



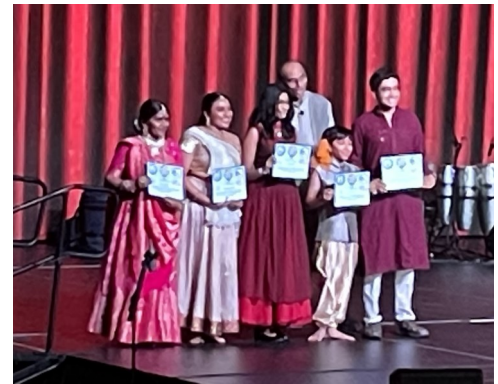
JCYC PATHSHALA PHENOMENA

An Eventful Summer

- Hope our pathshala students and their families had a fabulous Summer. The days of summer seemed to pass by so quickly.
- First ever Summer Shibir was a great success. Children spent 3 days at the Jain Center enjoying elements of “sadhu life”.
- JCYC alumnus hosts summer YJA Retreat
- Clubhouse begins prepares for pathshala year with a new Leadership Team

Start of the new Pathshala year

- The JCYC Registration team is getting class assignments completed and class rosters ready for the start of class on August 27.
- Parents will receive e-mail with their child’s class assignments, google classroom log in info before start of class
- Parents—mark your calendar for **Back to Pathshala Day on October 1st**—attend your child’s class to meet their teachers and learn about the class.



JCYC Pathshala alumnus, Shaily Shah takes a winning bow as she receives a certificate for Jains Got Talent at the 2023 JAINA convention.



2023 Graduates from JCYC Pathshala recognized at Graduation Garba in June 2023

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Summer Shibir: Experience the essence of living the life of a Sadhu



JCYC organized a first time Kids Summer Camp at Jain Center for four days and three nights from July 20th to July 23rd, 2023. This was a pilot program, organized first time in the history of Jain Center. The camp, based on the theme of “Living a life of a Jain Muni”, was attended by pathshala students, ages 9 through 14 years old, and was a grand success. It was fully enjoyed by all kids and appreciated by their parents. Students had class time, projects, scavenger hunt and a lot of other activity.



Students took to the activity with a lot of enthusiasm. Most were group activities, giving the students a chance to get to know one another well. In addition to engaging discussions, there was scavenger hunt, group meals and games. Members of various teams learnt from one another.

Each day started with doing Arham Dhyam Yoga and Meditation. The theme was learning theory and practical about the PEACE Mudra.

Students took additional challenges, such as keeping maun while doing projects and during meals. “I have

A unique experience of bonding with members of the Sangh.



Students spend one morning learning to perform Pooja and the evenings doing bhakti by candle light. There were endless hours of fun while learning principles of Jainism in kids' friendly ways. The camp mascot "Monkey" kept the kids entertained and it remain the center point of discussion throughout the camp as kids learned about doing Tap, Tyaag, Yoga, Meditation, Breathing exercises, Journaling, Art etc, to tame their "Monkey Mind". We all need to tame our "Monkey Mind" daily to achieve the higher purpose in life, like a Jain Muni, is one of the key lesson kids took away home. They took memories of camp with them, as they all received a monkey gift to take home including their parents who also got a monkey to remind the family about continuing our journey from "monkey mind" to a "monk mind", and eventually to Moksha.



Students picked up ideas of how each could make an impact. Each was motivated to be self-sufficient. Use steel plates, wash up after themselves, give up little things that could reduce their use of material things.

Teachers were humbled by the thoughtfulness with which each child embraced the ideals and the initiative they took to follow them.



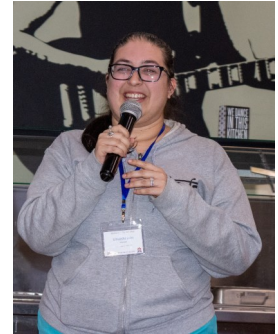
At the end of camp, students explained to their parents all that they did during camp. Khub anumodana to our participants. They received blessings from parents as well as members of the Jain Center executive committee and board of directors!

In addition to pursuing a fruitful and active career, many have come back to become active volunteers at the Jain Center, often by being involved in the pathshala.

What are our Pathshala alumni up to?



More and more of our pathshala alumni are actively giving back to the pathshala program that was such a big part of their lives. Sapan Doshi and Namrata Deliwala have become the JCYC Clubhouse leads, guiding our high school age pathshala students to organize activities for the pathshala community.



Urvashi Jain has been actively involved as a teacher, volunteer, and also been part of the JCSC Executive Committee over the years. Charmi Kothari and Anchal Shah have volunteered in numerous ways. Seen here volunteering at 2023 JCYC Winter Camp.



Ankit Desai is an undergraduate student in Illinois, but is still an active alumnus for Southern California. As an active member of YJA, he recently hosted 40 Young Jains of America (YJA) for the summer retreat at his home and made sure to bring the visiting students to our temple.

We are so proud to see our alumni live and serve the community. They are great ambassadors of Jain values and of our Jain Center and pathshala.

The Clubhouse provides opportunities for high school students to take leadership roles and gain volunteer service hours.

Leadership positions are selected through an interview process by a panel made up of teachers, parents, as well as members representing EC and pathshala administration.

Clubhouse prepares for activities for upcoming pathshala year



Each year Clubhouse goes through a membership enrollment process as well as interviews to determine the individuals that will hold leadership positions for each of the underlying clubs and for overall project management.

One key objective of the Clubhouse is to organize one “fun” community activity per month. We’ve all enjoyed them: Graduation Garba, Winter Camp, Halloween, Holi, Mahavir Janm Kalyanak cultural Program, Grandparents’ Day, and many more.

Clubhouse also provides kids the opportunity to volunteer with specific teams around Jain Center in specific area—such as the Accounting team, the Audio Visual team, TCCOP (for community service).

Given the size of our community, the children learn to learn and manage activities and events for a large gathering and to do things at scale.

Members develop long friendships with their Clubhouse friends and many cite their experiences in Clubhouse as helpful examples in their college essays as ways to demonstrate their leadership capabilities.



Clubhouse parents stand behind their children during activities and play a crucial role in their children’s success. Many develop bonds of friendship that last well beyond the clubhouse participation years.

Word Search

See if you can identify these items and activities that are associated with visiting the Temple

What does Pathshala mean to you?

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COMMUNITY
CULTURE
DERASAR
FRIENDS

GAMES
GUJARATI
HINDI
HOMEWORK
JIN DARSHAN
KAHOOT
LEARNING
LUNCH

POOJA
RELIGION
STORIES
SUTRA
TEACHERS
VALUES

We want to hear from you

As we move forward with the Pathshala phenomena, we want to incorporate more of the things that matter to the pathshala community. Let us know if there is a particular topic or story you would like us to cover or highlight. Send us some photos and a little narrative of an occasion that you know of that we should share with the readers.

Send your ideas to pathshala@jaincenter.org Put “suggestions for the Phenomena” in the subject line.

Volunteer at Pathshala

As we continue to grow our program, we are looking for more volunteers for both teaching and non-teaching positions. **We need individuals that are considerate, community-spirited and creative. Please fill out the form below if you would like to serve in pathshala. You can also reach out to one of our pathshala leads listed in the table on the right.**

[Volunteer Interest for JCYC \(google.com\)](#)

There will be an interview process.

Teaching Positions

We are looking for teachers for each of the following segment. Training will be provided as needed.

Religion teachers

Gujarati teachers

Sutra teachers

If you are able to connect with children and would like to give back to our youth, apply for a teaching position. We are looking to recruit from both our first and second generation community members!

Non-Teaching positions

Traffic management

Administration support during pathshala days

Communication support

Technology and registration support

Administration Support

Pathshala Contacts

Pathshala: Poorvi Parekh

Office Admin: Komal Desai

Registration: Rupen Pawa,
Jigar Shah

Religion Lead: Pinal Modi

Gujarati Lead: Urvi Mehta,
Manali Shah

Hindi Lead: Ritu Jain

Culture Class: Dip Sanghvi /
Mahavir Jain

Life Balance: Hina Shah

Security: Shailesh Mehta

Lunch Program: Ritesh Desai

Toastmasters: Deven Shah

Snack Duty: Ritesh Desai

STEAM Class: Rupal Shah

JCYC Clubhouse:

Clubhouse Coordinators:
Namrata Deliwala,
Sapan Doshi