

**Agrawal Association of America
Fall Youth Camp
October 15-17, 2010**

This year, twenty-three youth group members participated in the 5th annual Agrawal Association of America Youth Camp at Camp Cho-Yeh in Livingston, Texas. The camp was a major success due in large part to the enthusiasm, excitement, and commitment of each camper.

Youth, ranging from the ages of 6 to 23, spent two days and two nights in the middle of the woods participating in a wide variety of fun-filled activities.

The camp started off Friday night with a series of games to help break the ice. What began as a quiet evening quickly turned into a frenzy as participants shared laughs, stories, and built relationships. .

Saturday was an activity-filled day that began bright and early with a wonderful yoga session led by Shekhar Agrawal. Campers were put to the test as they had to stretch their mind and body to perform different yoga positions. With each new position came greater excitement and camaraderie as the youth encouraged and applauded their peers for completing difficult positions.

For the rest of the day, the campers participated in a series of activities that tested their courage, strength, and teamwork. The older youth were put to the test on the high ropes-course. They defied gravity as they tight-rope (30 feet above the ground!!!) from one location to another! After completing this daunting task, they had the satisfaction of zip-lining 100 ft through the woods! Everyone who participated successfully completed each course as those who were waiting / watching, cheered on their new friends.

The younger campers took on a different challenge; the task of trying to learn how to shoot arrows accurately at targets 25-30 feet away. For many of them, this was their first encounter with the art of archery. With the help of counselors and Cho-Yeh staff, the 6-8 year old campers became masters of archery in no time!

As the temperature warmed up, the kids had the pleasure of swimming in Lake Evelyn, which featured a 25 ft slide and a two-story "BLOB-TOWER!" People were in awe as kids were catapulted into the lake, some getting as much as 10-12 feet above the water!

After lunch the young campers had the pleasure of kayaking around the lake and basking in the sun. They also played basketball, football, soccer, and threw frisbees around the campsite for most of the afternoon.

While all this was happening, the older youth took their skills to the battlefield as they participated in 7-on-7 paintball! For two hours, people used their survival instincts and expert marksmanship to knock out members of the other team. For many, this was the first time they ever played, and now probably not their last! No one was hurt and everyone laughed and enjoyed themselves as they bonded with their peers.

After an exhausting day, the evening was spent with an hour session revolved around Agrawal history that included a friendly Jeopardy game which tested the kid's knowledge of their heritage. The night was capped with a wonderful campfire under the stars as kids roasted marshmallows, ate s'mores, played charades, and told scary-stories! When it was time to go to bed, many of the campers were so afraid to sleep after the ghost-stories that they stayed up until midnight playing Mafia, card games, and board games!

This year's camp was a huge success due in large part to the support and sponsorship from our Agrawal community and the Agrawal Association of America Board. We hope that this camp can continue to grow and provide many memories to our youth!!!! We look forward to seeing you all again during next year's camp!

Thank You,
Agrawal Association of America Youth Board