...Alive Special Issue: Summer Camp At Oasis Valleys

'Summerhill' at Oasis Valleys!.....

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...The Festival of Learning!

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Imagine-Can there be a school where...

- > FREEDOM is the only rule?
- > The school is for the child and the child is not for the school?
- ➤ All are the learners and all are the teachers?
- ➤ Even small children are eager to learn philosophy of life?
- ➤ Love, Life and Friendship are learnt in an engaging manner?





OR-imagine-Can there be a family where...

- All members respect each other, and there is no dominance of elders?
- Even the youngest member has similar power to vote as the eldest one has?
- ➤ All help and nurture each other for finding out their unique missions?
- All focus on what to learn and where failures don't really matter?
- All can provide leaderships, irrespective of their age and other differences?

Well, this may be a utopia for the most people. But there are experiments going on all over the world so that such communities can be created. Summerhill School at UK is one such community existing now for almost a century.

This summer, in the month of May, Oasis intends to attempt to replicate the 'Summerhill' model, with Oasis flavor of course, for just one week.



What are the activities at this festival?

All kind of classes could be there in this festival, depending upon availability of students, teachers and resources. There may be parallel classes for science and arts, anatomy and astronomy, adventures and philosophy, environment and bird-watching, languages and cooking, dance and music. There may be some guest sessions also, where invites will come and share their expertise. There will be only one compulsory component i.e. exercise, and only one session to watch movies.

For rest of the time, all are free to pursue their interests. There will also be individual and group counseling. On last three days, there would be leadership coaching also for those desirous. While registering, top 5 learning preferences will be asked and the festival will be planned accordingly. Thereafter, it will be dynamic evolution as participants make choices.



Children and youths are invited:

Those who are eager to learn many things; enjoy themselves and others, who wish to learn independence and interdependence are welcome to join this. However, we have kept only 50 entrants as the maximum limit as of now. So hurry! Age limit is 7-17 years but exceptions would be allowed if the aspirations match.

Teachers are invited too:

Anybody who wants to share, teach or coach others in any area is welcome to join this festival. There is only one value here-students will join any particular class only if they want to and as long as they want to. The parents are not allowed here and only those who wish to contribute as a volunteer about anything/everything will be allowed as residential teachers. There is no age restriction here but entry is subject to fulfilling criteria set by Oasis.

Place: Oasis Valleys, Juna Mandava road, Chanod, Gujarat.

Dates:

- ❖ Reporting between 12pm and 4pm on 30th April, 2012.
- Festival dates are from 1st May to 8th May, 2012
- ❖ Departures will begin from 12pm on 8th May, 2012

Investments:

- Rs. 12000/- for 8 days/nights
- Rs. 4000/- for those who can only afford cost
- Oasis will gladly arrange for sponsors for the under-privileged participants
- ❖ All teachers-participants are welcome to contribute the cost
- Honorarium can be paid to those teachers who need it
- Payment in favor of "Oasis- a university of Love, Life & Friendship for youth"

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