

Ananda Marga Phoenix Retreat



During the Summer Retreat in Ananda Kanan this summer, we announced the Seminar programs in New York Sector. A number of Margis attended the summer conference and the duty was assigned to the Phoenix Margiis to organize seminar and retreat. Brother Yudhisthira and Ajay came to the retreat and accepted the duty to organize the retreat. The Margiis of the Phoenix unit had great enthusiasm to introduce Ananda Marga to the public and the unit is growing and moving forward with good speed.



The Ananda Marga unit in Phoenix, Arizona organized a weekend meditation retreat on September 14 - 16, 2018, in the beautiful pine forest in the Bradshaw Mountains, bordering the Prescott National Forest. The retreat took place at the retreat facilities of Friendly Pines Camp. At an elevation of 6,300 feet, we enjoyed warm sunny days and cool evenings. The staff assisted us to start a campfire in the evening, and we enjoyed the evening programs by the warmth of the fire. On Saturday the staff of the retreat center guided us for a walk around a beautiful small lake and meadows in the midst of the ponderosa pine forest.



Margiis came from Los Angeles, Phoenix, and nearby cities. Acarya Abhiraṃanaṇḁa Avadhuta and Ac. Diiptiṃanaṇḁa Avt. came from New York, Ac. Muktatṃanaṇḁa Avt. from Los Angeles, and Avtk. Ananda Kalyanmitra Ac. from the Bay Area. Total attendance was 22 including the Whole Timers and one child.



Ac. Diiptimanananda Avt. gave a seminar class on Yoga and Bhakti, and Avadhutika Ananda Kalyanmitra Acarya gave a class on Sentient Diet and Spiritual Practice.



On Saturday evening, we sang Prabhata Samgiita by the campfire. Everyone enjoyed this beautiful retreat organized by the Phoenix Margiis, the beautiful environment added to the bliss of the meditation and Kiirtana.