

A DAY AT SANGAM

Divide into groups. Assign words from the list below with the actions and sound effects to each group. As the word is read the assigned group performs the action and/or sound effect. OR Have the whole group perform all the actions and sound effects when the word is read.

SANGAM	All participants stand and sing "The days are filled with fun and friendship"
RICKSHAW(S)	Say beep, beep
UMBRELLA(S)	Say " Pitter, patter" while snapping fingers
SWIMMING	Say "splash, splash"
PARTICIPANTS	Say "chatter, chatter"
WORLD CENTER MANAGER	Say "You'll have an adventure"
PROGRAM ASSISTANTS	Say "ding, dong, dong. We need 20 chairs"

Once upon a time, in a far off place called SANGAM, there was a gathering of Guiders from all over the world! Now getting to this place called SANGAM can be a real adventure. but PARTICIPANTS had received lots of information from the WORLD CENTER MANAGER put together no doubt by the PROGRAM ASSISTANTS. The PARTICIPANTS knew what to bring and were advised to include bug repellent, SWIMMING suits, bug repellent, an UMBRELLA for the probability of rain and ... bug repellent.

The PARTICIPANTS came by various ways, plane, train, bus, and for many, the last part of the journey ... and a major challenge...was with a Pune RICKSHAW.

Upon arrival at SANGAM there is always a warm welcome for the PARTICIPANTS by the WORLD CENTER MANAGER and the PROGRAM ASSISTANTS.

SANGAM days are busy ones. Some begin with early morning SWIMMING in our beautiful pool, then PARTICIPANTS are called together by a PROGRAM ASSISTANT to begin the morning session often led by the WORLD CENTER MANAGER. Of course, when it rains, UMBRELLAS are not needed to get to the Hall, as there is a covered walkway between buildings.

The sessions are rich with sharing and serious discussion, with breaks for tea, lunch, and more SWIMMING. Afternoon excursions are varied. Fortified by how-to lessons by the WORLD CENTER MANAGER and the PROGRAM ASSISTANTS, PARTICIPANTS set off from SANGAM, accepting the RICKSHAW challenge (when they were not on strike!) and being reminded to take UMBRELLAS. Leaving SANGAM was no trick. RICKSHAWS are summoned for PARTICIPANTS. The real challenge is the return home, when standing under an UMBRELLA trying to bribe RICKSHAW drivers to go to Alandi Road.

Supper, evening events, late SWIMMING... all under the watchful eye of the WORLD CENTER MANAGER and her PROGRAM ASSISTANTS kept the PARTICIPANTS busy, happy and filled with the SANGAM spirit.

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