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Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji

CAMP GIAN 2026

SEVA, SANGAT, AND GROWTH RANVIR SINGH KHALSA, 17, GREEN SEVA GROUP

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh! My name is Ranvir Singh Khalsa, and Camp Gian 2026 was truly an unforgettable experience. One of the highlights for me was doing Nitnem alongside my fellow campers and learning more about Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's sacrifice, teachings, and this year's theme shabad.

The Sikh Debate in my class (15+ kids) was especially meaningful because it gave me the opportunity to engage with my peers and explore how to support arguments using Gurbani. Through these discussions, I gained a deeper appreciation for Sikh values and the importance of thoughtful dialogue.

Overall, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Junior Counselor. Being the sevadaar for Reflections allowed me to build meaningful connections with younger campers while strengthening my own Sikhi. I am thankful to all of the sevadaars and organizers whose hard work made Camp Gian 2026 such an inspiring and Chardikala-filled experience.





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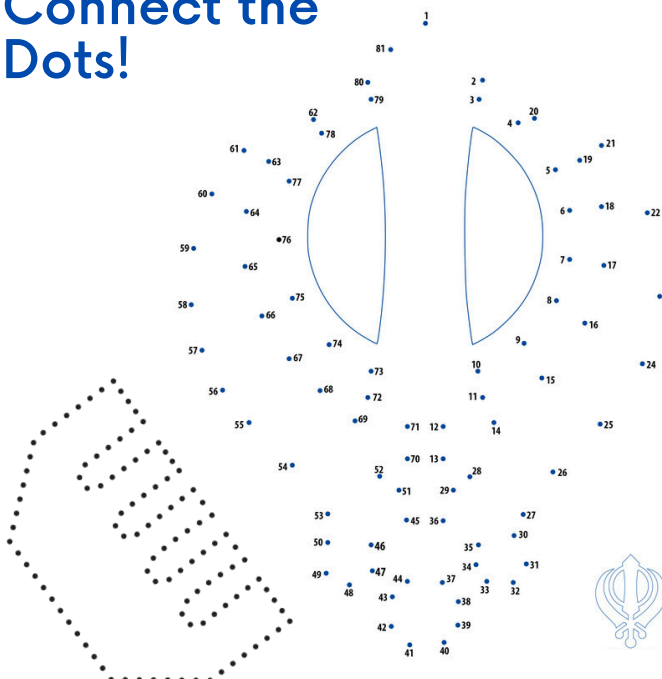
Gurmukh	Faith
Manmukh	Freedom
Baba Bakala	Equality
Anandpur	Mata Nanki
Bhai Dayala	Sangat
Tyag Mal	Simran
Shaheedi	Bhai Mati Das
Seva	Protection
Courage	Mata Gujri
Sacrifice	Bhai Sati Das

Find Waldojeet

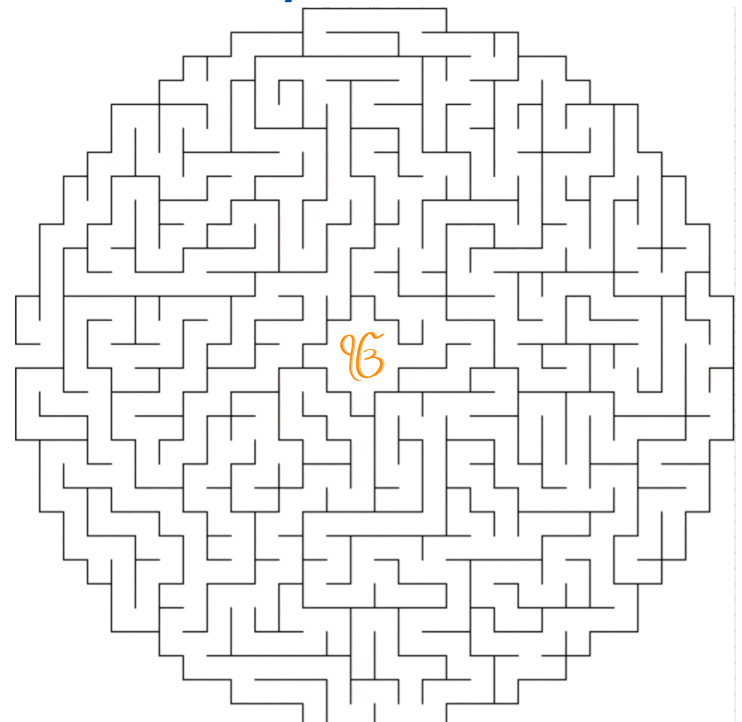
He is hiding in this
yearbook
somewhere!



Connect the Dots!



Find your Guru!



LEARNING THROUGH SANGAT

ADHARA
KAUR,
12,
GREEN
SEVA
GROUP

My favorite part of Camp Gian is learning and applying all the lessons that our Guru Ji has taught us. Every year, I look forward to deepening my understanding of Sikhi through engaging classes, discussions, and activities that help bring Gurbani and Sikh history to life. I especially enjoy spending time with my Sangat, building new friendships, and doing Seva together. Whether it is helping others, participating in camp activities, or simply sharing experiences with fellow campers, every moment feels meaningful.

This is my first year staying overnight at camp, and everyone has made me feel incredibly welcomed and included. The positive environment and sense of community have made this experience even more special. Each year, I return home feeling more knowledgeable, inspired, and connected with Waheguru Ji. Camp Gian has helped me grow both spiritually and personally, and I am grateful for all the opportunities it provides. I am really excited to continue learning, making new memories, and strengthening my connection to Sikhi at camp this year.





Camp Gian Mad Libs

Camp Gian 2026 began when _____ (name) walked through the gates of Khalsa Care Foundation carrying a _____ (adjective) suitcase and feeling a little _____ (adjective). Before long, they had met their jatha, learned everyone's names, and joined in some _____ (adjective) camp games. Throughout the week, campers learned about Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's courage, sacrifice, and commitment to protecting the rights of others. During one class, _____ (name) listened so carefully that they filled nearly an entire notebook with _____ (plural noun)! When recreation time arrived, the field quickly became a scene of _____ (adjective) chaos. Campers dodged water balloons, raced through relay games, and chased after some surprisingly _____ (adjective) counselors. Later, everyone headed to intensive training. Some campers practiced tying _____ (adjective) dastars, some made _____ (adjective) rotis, and others worked hard on their _____ (noun) skills. One camper's creation was so _____ (adjective) that their entire group came over to see it. Each evening brought kirtan, stories, and plenty of laughter. The campers enjoyed a feast of _____ (food) and _____ (food), then played _____ (adjective) games until it was time to rest. Before they knew it, the final day had arrived. As campers reflected on the teachings of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, they shared memories, took _____ (adjective) photos, and exchanged promises to stay in touch. When it was finally time to leave, _____ (name) headed home with new friends, wonderful memories, and a _____ (adjective) appreciation for Sikhi and seva.

THINKING
CRITICALLY
AT CAMP

GURPREET
SINGH,
21,
BLUE
SEVA
GROUP

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!

My name is Gurpreet Singh, and this is my first year attending Camp Gian. I am very happy to be here, especially because we are learning about Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, his sacrifices, and the values Sikhi stands for. I have also enjoyed doing Nitnem with the Saadh Sangat in the Diwaan Hall, which has helped strengthen my discipline and connection to Sikhi.

My favorite activity at camp was the water balloon fight at the park, especially when campers were popping our balloons with their baajs. Another thing I really appreciate about Camp Gian is the sense of engagement and community. Everyone is so welcoming, and it is easy to start conversations, make new friends, and learn from one another. I am grateful for this experience and look forward to continuing my Sikhi journey with the lessons I have learned at camp.



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Word of the Day Match!

- Sukh & Dukh – ਸੁਖ & ਦੁਖ
- Rahao – ਰਹਾਉ
- Gurmukh & Manmukh – ਗੁਰਮੁਖ & ਮਨਮੁਖ
- Gunn – ਗੁਣ
- Kunchar Ishnaan – ਕੁੰਚਰ ਇਸ਼ਨਾਨ



- Virtue and good qualities
- Happiness/Peace & Pain
- Elephant Bath (Useless)
- Using the Guru's teachings/Using your own mind and thoughts
- Pause & Reflect

**GROUNDING IN
SIKHI,
GUIDED BY
SANGAT**

**SAHIBA
KAUR
17,
BLUE
SEVA
GROUP**

I've enjoyed my experience at Camp Gian this year. From learning about the history and teachings of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji in class to meeting new campers during recreation and intensive training, I have had the opportunity to connect with so much new Sangat. As an incoming college freshman, the Sangat I have met through Camp Gian over the years has helped me stay grounded in my Sikh values, strengthen my connection to my heritage, and find comfort in the support of the Sikh community.

Staying at the girls' house this year has given me a more complete and well-rounded camp experience. I have especially enjoyed spending time with the senior counselors and helping the younger girls start their mornings. Serving as a Junior Counselor has given me the opportunity to mentor, encourage, and support younger Sikh youth, which has been a deeply meaningful and fulfilling experience.



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CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

BAANI
KAUR,
17
PINK
SEVA
GROUP

I've been going to Camp Gian for as long as I can remember, and this year, my favorite part was getting to help and connect with the younger campers as a counselor. I loved spending time with them, whether we were playing games, learning different kinds of braids, or just talking throughout the day. Watching their excitement and confidence grow over the week was so rewarding. What makes Camp Gian so special to me is the sense of community. No matter how long you've known someone, people are always willing to help, encourage, and care for one another. I experienced that not only as a counselor, but also while helping create this yearbook. Everyone was eager to contribute and support each other, which says a lot about the kind of environment Camp Gian creates. One of my favorite things was seeing how excited the campers were about everything—from Castle Ball and painting to different forms of seva. Their enthusiasm made every activity more meaningful and reminded me why I keep coming back year after year.



Camp Cooking Corner with Bhupy Bhenji!

MAKE THE CAMP FAMOUS: BANANA MANGO SMOOTHIE AT HOME!!

This recipe makes 5 cups!

Ingredients

- 2 medium bananas
- 1½ cups frozen or fresh mango chunks
- 2 scoops vanilla ice cream (about 1 cup)
- 1½ cups milk
- 2 cups ice

Instructions

1. Add the milk to the blender.
2. Add the bananas, mango, and vanilla ice cream.
3. Add the ice on top.
4. Blend until smooth.
5. If it's too thick, add a little more milk. If it's too thin, add more ice.
6. Pour and serve.



**This Camp Yearbook was compiled by two amazing Junior Counselors:
Sahiba Kaur (17), Blue Seva Group and Baani Kaur (17), Pink Seva Group.**



Connections!
Camp Gian
Edition

Look at all the words.

Find 4 words that have something in common.

There are 4 total sets!

AMRITSAR

GURU
HARGOBIND
JI

GURU HAR
RAI

DEHLI

BHAI
DAYALA

BHAI SATI
DAS

MATA
NANAKI JI

FEARLESS

MATA
GUJRI JI

SACRIFICE

BAKALA

BHAI
JAITA JI

JUSTICE

KIRATPUR

BHAI MATI
DAS

COURAGE

**WHY CAMP GIAN
MATTERS**

**ANANTBIR SINGH,
20,
GREEN SEVA
GROUP**



Going into my fourth year at Camp Gian, I felt like I knew exactly what to expect: love, encouragement from my peers, and growth not only as a young Sikh man but also as an individual. Once again, Camp Gian delivered on all of those expectations, reminding me why it has had such a meaningful impact on my life and on the lives of so many others. From the first evening Diwaan to the final Ardaas, every day at Camp Gian was filled with meaningful experiences, lasting memories, and opportunities to strengthen friendships. Camp Gian continues to teach me the importance of community, friendship, and staying connected to Sikhi. I hope everyone leaves camp with at least one lesson or value that they can carry forward into their daily lives, just as I have.

Camp Feedback

We hope you enjoyed your time at Camp Gian! We want to hear what you liked and where we can do better. To share your feedback anonymously, please scan the QR code.



Donation Link

We would appreciate any donations to help us keep hosting Camp Gian! Please scan the QR code for more information.



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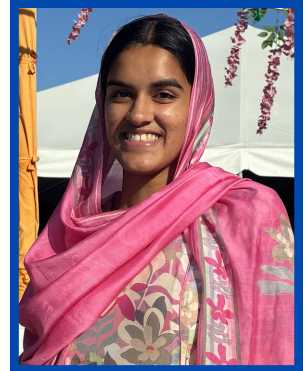
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GROWTH THROUGH GURMAT

GURSHARAN
KAUR,
17
RED
SEVA
GROUP

Serving as a Divan Coordinator at Camp Gian was an experience that pushed me outside of my comfort zone. Taking on this role at the age of 16 was definitely intimidating, but it became an incredible opportunity for personal growth. Through this experience, I learned how to be more responsible, organized, and adaptable in a leadership position.

I also gained a much greater appreciation for the amount of effort, planning, and coordination required to make a Gurmat camp run successfully. While managing both the campers and Junior Counselors was not always easy, I truly enjoyed building relationships with them and spending time together throughout the week. Most importantly, this experience allowed me to deepen my connection to Sikhi while continuing to learn and grow alongside the Sangat.



HAVE YOUR SANGAT SIGN YOUR YEARBOOK!

See you in 2027!