

Tutoring Sessions

The Sewa online tutoring classes conducted by the Central Jersey chapter turned out to be an outstanding initiative from all quarters. This journey started with just hope and trust in our LEAD tutors. Despite of not having any prior experience, each & every one of our LEAD tutors did an impressive job. Tutors were very methodical – had lesson planners, maintained student logs, assessed and reviewed student progress upon completion of every session. The parent volunteers managed the logistics of communicating with student parents, address their questions, and guide the tutors. Our tutors were appreciated with thank you cards, warm messages, and gift cards as the sessions came to an end. Student parents cooperated very well and appreciated tutors for their sincere efforts. Overall, the Sewa Central Jersey chapter feels very proud of this initiative and will continue to do so for a very long time to come. A big thanks to all LEAD tutors, parent volunteers, coordinators, and student parents for joining hands to sponsor the education of deserving children in India by educating their own child. All the proceeds from this will go to Sewa's Sponsor A Child program (<https://sac.sewausa.org/>)

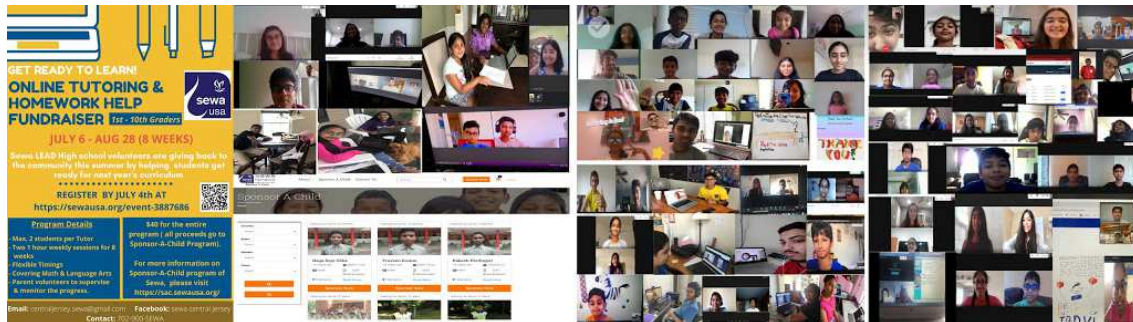
Statistics:

LEAD Tutors: 84

Students: 91 (Some tutors stretched to handle two students)

Parent volunteers: 20

Sessions: 16 (2 classes per week)



Arts & Craft Camp - Cherryhill

Our CherryHill Leads Dhriti Cagathi and Sarayu Nalamalapu have conducted an arts and crafts camp for the younger kids. First week was an "Origami" week, the kids learned to make a jumping frog, a crane with flapping wings, and a ninja star. The second week kids started off with an illusion piece & paper lantern. We conclude our 2-week camp with the kids making a huge 12+inches of daisy flower and snowflake. The participants were super excited making the crafts and the "NINJA Star" origami was a highlight. Teaching crafts virtually had taught our leads the significance communication among people.

STEM Camp – Cherryhill

Our Cherryhill Leads Rijul and Pranav have conducted STEM camp for three weeks. They kept the kids engaged and entertained during the camp while teaching them - fundamentals of Biology, Physics & Chemistry. They promoted a healthy competition among the kids by conducting Quizlet, Gimkit & Kahoots during the camp sessions. The kids were pretty much involved and inquisitive as they were posing a lot of questions about the topics discussed in the classes.

Vedic Math – Edison

Our Edison Lead Raashi Maheshwari conducted Vedic Math camp and kids from grade 1 - grade 8 enrolled. Kids were taught foundational and Level 1 Vedic math concepts. Kids were involved and have performed exceptionally well in the assessment towards the conclusion of the camp.

Chapter Highlights

- ❖ Tutoring

Team Highlights

- ❖ Fund Raising Camps (Arts & Craft Camp, STEM Camp, Vedic Math, HTML)
- ❖ Roebling Village Clean Up
- ❖ Tree Fencing and Painting
- ❖ Community Garden
- ❖ Food Pantry Drop Off
- ❖ Feed the homeless
- ❖ KKWC Closet Clean UP & Garden De-Weeding

Lead(s) Spotlight

ANURAG TADAPANENI

Central Jersey Sewa Chapter is extremely proud of our lead who initiated bagged lunch donation activity. He prepared 75 bagged lunches to donate at a food pantry. The lunches contain a PB&J sandwich, chips, a granola bar, fruit cups, and water bottle. He also donated packets of coffee powder and a box of patties. His generosity motivated other Leads who planned to join him for future planned donations.

Sewa Family is proud of his kind act and wishes him all the very best!

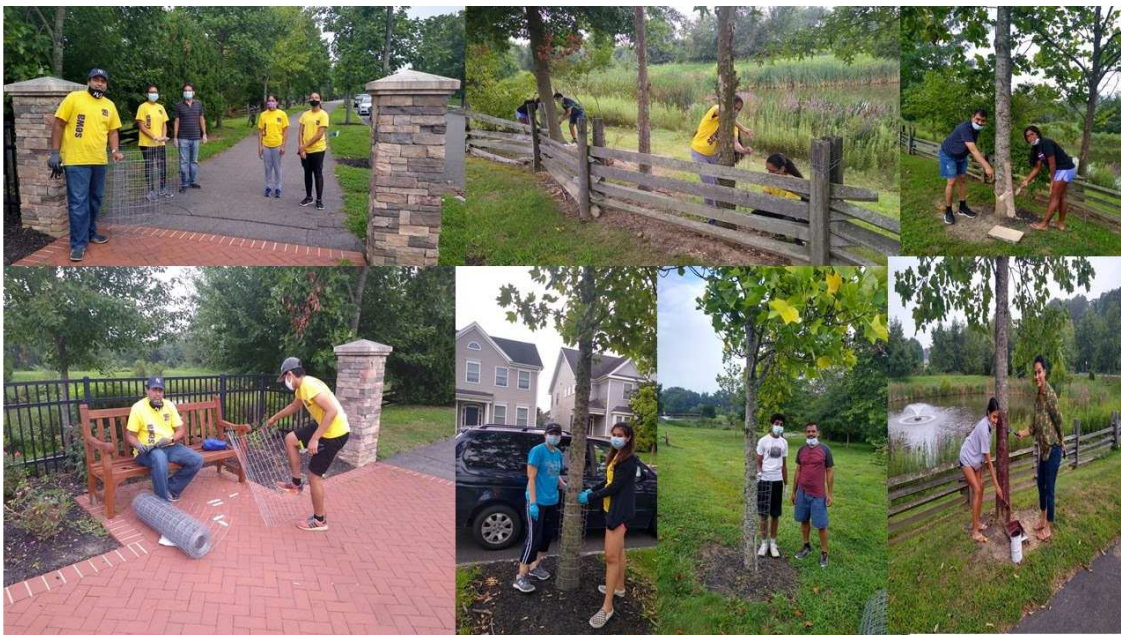
Roebling Village Cleanup - Chesterfield & Monroe

About 40 Chesterfield & Monroe Sewa volunteers participated in Roebling village cleanup. Volunteers cleaned up about a 4-mile stretch area. Roebling village is just 15 mins from Chesterfield & it has a very nice & huge waterfront park, biking trails & a museum. Waterfront Park is indeed a must visit place!



Tree Fencing & Painting - Chesterfield

As part of the tree fencing and painting initiative, our Chesterfield leads fenced 60 trees and painted 15 to protected them from the Beavers.



Community Garden – Cherryhill

Since mid of May our Cherryhill leads Pranav, Dhriti, Rijul, and Sarayu have worked tirelessly to keep their local community garden beautiful and maintained. They have spent long hours preparing the soil, de-weeding, seeding and caring for the plants. Time spent by the leads during the chilly mornings and soring hot afternoons has certainly paid off by the exceptional harvest. Many Thanks!! to Rajeev Ji, Kishore Ji, Srinji Ji, and Malini Ji have who helped and guide the LEADS throughout the season



Food Pantry Drop Off – Chesterfield

Chesterfield Sewa Volunteers delivered 8 cases of fresh Eggplant to Rise Food Pantry, Hightstown. Thanks to Ram for the generosity & Karthik for the delivery.



Feed the Homeless – Edison

Our Edison leads have prepared lunch for 70 homeless people and served in United Methodist Church. Volunteers and leads did an exceptional job in planning the menu and preparing an amazing meal. The Homeless were served pasta, grilled cheese, salad, French fries and white beans.



KKWC Closet Cleanup & Garden De-Weeding - Edison

Our Edison Leads – Prabhat, Atharva, Pranav, Rithvik, Karthik, Shubhransh Manas, Suhas, Hrishikesh, Kavya, Diya, Ramya, Tanya volunteered to clean the storage room and de-weeded the garden at Kiddie Keep Well Camp (KKWC). Due to the covid-19 leads followed the strict guidelines and helped reorganize the storage closet and clean the garden. Kudos to the leads for a job well done!



Bagged Lunches – Monroe



Feedback

Namaste,

This is Devakanth, Navaneeth's father. I'm pleased to inform that he enjoyed the Science Camp and learned many concepts. Please keep me posted about any such future programs.

Please convey our special thanks to Pranav & Rijul for their dedication and expertise. All the best for their forthcoming school year.

Cheers,
Dev

Pranav and Rijul were amazing. Varun had so much fun and he learned so many new concepts that I could never imagine teaching him on my own. Pranav and Rijul knew how to interact with kids, they were patient, knowledgeable and explained and answered all questions to their best ability. As a matter of fact, I felt that they taught better than many trained teachers I have seen. And it was all so fun!! My son looked forward to the lessons every day. Good luck to both of them and hope they get the college of their dreams.

Much love,
Richa
Varun's mom

★ As of August 2020, our volunteers made 10000 handmade masks. We delivered our last batch of 100 masks to the Florida schools!! ★

Upcoming Events

- ❖ NJ SEWA Talent Show 2020
- ❖ Roots for River Tree Planting
- ❖ Food Donations

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