

Guru Nanak Foundation of America, Silver Spring, MD

6th Annual Washington Capital Sikh Youth Kirtan Sammelen

May 29, 2010

Dear Sadh Sangat Ji,

Waheguru ji ka khalsa, Waheguru ji ki fateh.

The 6th Annual Washington Capital Sikh Youth Kirtan Sammelen will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at the Guru Nanak Foundation of America, Silver Spring, Maryland. You are cordially invited to attend and participate in this Kirtan program.

Youth can participate in three age groups (age on December 31, 2009)

Junior Jathas (7 - 10 yrs), Intermediate Jathas (11 – 14 yrs), Senior Jathas (15 – 18 yrs)

Please refer to guidelines on page 3 of the package.

The program time-line is as follows:

9:45 am – 10:30am	Registration and breakfast
10:30 am – 10:45am	Ardaas
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Welcome and Announcement of Rules
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Kirtan Sammelen
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Break
5:15 pm – 6:00 pm	Keynote Speaker and Awards

The junior jathas will perform first, followed by the intermediate jathas and senior jathas. The time line may be adjusted based on the number of jathas participating. Two weeks before the competition, the starting times for the three groups will be sent to you.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact:

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on May 29, 2010 (Please respond by April 25, 2010)

Name of your Gurdwara

Name of your Program Coordinator:

Address, e-mail and phone of: 1. Gurdwara and 2. Program Coordinator:

1. _____ 2. _____

Number of Jathas participating in each category:

Junior (7-10Yrs) _____ Intermediate (11-14Yrs) _____ Senior (15 - 18Yrs)

For each jatha, please provide: (please use additional page)

Names of Participants

Age group of Jatha (Junior/Intermediate/Senior)

The rahao line of shabad

Page number of shabad in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib

Do you need overnight accommodation? Children # _____ , Adults # _____

Please email this information by **April 25, 2010** to:

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Guidelines

1. Each group will recite one Shabad.
2. The **maximum** time allotted for each Jatha will be **12 minutes**.
3. There are three age groups (age on December 31, 2009). A participant may perform in one group only. A participant may perform in a group older than his/her age group but not in a younger group. Exception for tabla players: a tabla player can play for more than one group but only for his/her age group or an older age group. Please ensure that this is strictly observed.
 - Junior (7 to 10 years)
 - Intermediate (11 to 14 years)
 - Senior (15 to 18 years)
4. Please memorize your shabad and its meaning as well as the raag/taal explanation. It is a requirement.
5. Jathas are required to give the gist of the Shabad and the raag/taal explanation in Punjabi.
6. Only Gurbani Kirtan is to be recited, in the raag as indicated in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib; that is, the Shabad should be recited in the 'nirdharit' raag.
7. Each Gurudwara can send multiple Jathas for the same age group, provided each Jatha has a minimum of 3 participants – two vocalists and one percussionist.
8. All jathas will be graded on items 1-11 on the judging criteria sheet for determining 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place in each age group. This will constitute the main competition. Separately, each jatha will also be graded on items A-D for purposes of awarding an outstanding achievement award to one jatha from each age group.
9. Explanation of item A(Shaan) on judging criteria sheet: *Shaan* is the instrumental prelude to kirtan and sets the mood for the shabad. All the instruments being used by the jatha are played at this time. The same raag as that of the shabad is used and the tempo is medium. The percussion player plays some variations of the theka.
10. We request that girls wear salwaar kameez and boys kurta pajama.