



Hosted By:

Bhakta Youth Group
Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of USA
Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of Southern California

When:

July 1, 2006—July 5, 2006

Where:

Long Beach, CA
Hilton Long Beach & Executive Meeting Center

Mission Statement

Ramkabir,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite each and every Bhakta Youth from the ages of fourteen and up to the first ever Bhakta Youth Convention 2006 hosted by the newly formed Bhakta Youth Group. This event will be hosted in conjunction with the Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of Southern California and the Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of USA.

Our goal for this BYC is to see the youth of tomorrow learn about our rich culture and how we must carry on traditions that have been brought over from India by our parents and grandparents. Secondly, we would also like to see the youth take an interest in our Samaj and continue on with the ritualistic ceremonies we celebrate yearly. Our committee feels that as we advance and mold ourselves into the pervasive American culture and society, our youth are becoming greatly distanced from the traditions in which our parents and many of us have been raised in. In order to preserve our heritage, we want to host one of the most inspiring seminars to ever have taken place at any past BYC.

This BYC will differ from those of past as it will be more educational, informative, and fun. We have planned a Career Fair and a Networking Party to guide the youth in the career field of their choice or interest. We will have Bhakta professionals from all over the greater Los Angeles area and elsewhere in the country to answer any questions BYC attendees might have for their peers. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit career booths ranging from law, engineering, pharmacy, medicine, nursing, education, real estate, entertainment, and many more.

I would most importantly like to see the youth retain and carry on our culture and pass it on to future generations. Our committee hopes that after attending this BYC, our youth will return home and take an active stand in preserving the customs and traditions of our forefathers. This is the most selfless act our committee can do for the upcoming Bhakta generations here in the United States. We also want the attendees to enjoy themselves while they are here as we have booked rooms at a four star Hilton in the heart of Southern California. We have a host of activities planned to keep them entertained at all times and we can assure you that this BYC will be just as memorable as past BYC's and even more so.

While you see that our costs are high for this convention we ask you all to participate as you will learn a great deal and find this convention to be a rewarding experience. With many exciting guest speakers and innovative methods of getting information across to the youth I feel that this is one great opportunity no one should miss out on.

Sincerely,
Dhruv Bhakta
Bhakta Youth Group
President

Tentative Schedule

July 1

1:00pm – 4:00pm	Registration at Hilton Long Beach & Executive Meeting Center
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Dinner
7:30pm – 8:30pm	Opening Ceremony / Guest Speaker
8:30pm – 11:00pm	Ice Breaker Activities

July 2

8:00am – 9:30am	Breakfast
10:00am – 12:00pm	Public Speaking Seminar courtesy of Toastmasters International
12:00pm – 12:15pm	Board buses for picnic
1:00pm – 6:00pm	Picnic at beach with Sports Tournaments
8:30pm – 1:00am	Formal event w/ Dinner, DJ Dance on a Boat

July 3

8:00am – 9:30am	Breakfast
9:30am – 12:00pm	Cultural Seminar with Q&A
12:00pm – 1:45pm	Lunch at Cultural Center (In-N-Out)
2:00pm – 5:00pm	Career Fair and Networking Event
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Dinner
8:30pm – 12:00pm	Group Discussion / Activity

July 4

8:00am – 9:30am	Breakfast
10:00am – 2:00pm	Group A and Group B Laguna Canyon Hiking/Kayaking
2:00pm -- 4:00pm	Relax at Hilton
4:00pm — 6:00pm	Open Forum
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Dinner (Punjabi)
8:00pm – 1:00am	Raas / Garba
9:00pm—9:30pm	Fireworks—Long Beach Harbor

July 5

7:00am – 8:30am	Breakfast
8:45am – 10:00am	Commencement Ceremony
11:00am – 11:30am	Board Buses for LAX

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

General Information

Meeting Location for all Attendees:

Each participant will meet us at the Hilton Long Beach & Executive Meeting Center which is located about 30 minutes from LAX. We would like all participants to be present at the hotel by 1pm on July 1, 2006. Attendees flying into LAX will be picked up by a Chaperones who will accompany them to the Hilton via a chartered bus. Chaperones from Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of Southern California will accompany you to the journey to the Hilton from LAX

Meeting Location for participants flying into LAX:

All participants will meet at the Tom Bradley International Terminal on the arrival floor. Buses will be there to pick you up at the following times: 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, and 3:00pm. Please chose your flight accordingly. If you fly at a later time, you will be responsible for providing transportation to the Hilton Long Beach.

Recommended Clothing:

- All dinners, seminars, dances, & guest speakers—Semi-formal clothing. Baggy clothes will not be allowed nor tolerated.
- Hiking—Good tennis shoes, shorts/jeans, and a t-shirt.
- Dandiya Raas—Indian Clothing for ladies, slacks and shirt or Indian outfit for gentlemen.
- It is also suggested that you bring a light sweater or jacket as the Hilton is located only one block from the Long Beach Harbor.
- Formal Event—Guys: Shirts, slacks, ties. Ladies: Elegant Dress, or slacks and a shirt
- Beach—Shorts, good shoes or sandals, and a T-Shirt.

Cost:

\$300—Register by May 25, 2006

Any registrations postmarked after May 15th must include an late registration charge of \$50 as we may have to secure additional rooms at a higher cost.

If for some reason you are unable to attend BYC due to financial constraints please email us at bhaktayouth@sbcglobal.net or dnbhakta@sbcglobal.net. If you prefer to call, please call at (949) 636-6224.

Please make all Checks payable to:

Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of Southern California

Please Mail Registration Packet filled to:

**Bhakta Youth Convention
C/O Dhruv Bhakta
2222 S El Camino Real
San Clemente, CA 92672-3252**

It is advised that you send the packet via USPS with Delivery Confirmation to ensure that we receive your packet.

Enclose the following documents:

**Liability Release
Personal Information
Personal Check**

Personal Information

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR YOUR PAPERWORK WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

NAME (LAST, FIRST): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ CELL: _____ AIM: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AGE: _____ DOB (MONTH / DAY / YEAR): _____ / _____ / _____

SEX (CIRCLE ONE): (MALE / FEMALE)

MEAL (CIRCLE ONE): (VEGETARIAN / NON-VEGETARIAN)

FATHER'S NAME: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____

VILLAGE IN INDIA: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

EDUCATION (CIRCLE ONE); (HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE)

YEAR (CIRCLE ONE): (FRESHMEN / SOPHMORE / JUNIOR / SENIOR)

SCHOOL NAME: _____

MAJOR DEGREE: _____

PREFERRED ROOMMATES:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

(We will try our hardest to accommodate you with your preferred roommates. Please make sure with your preferred roommates that they too list you as their preferred roommate. We are required by the hotel to provide a detailed room list for liability reasons.)

Liability Release

I request that my child _____, age _____, be permitted to participate at the Bhakta Youth Conference 2006 (July 1, 2006—July 5, 2006), and in this connection, I give my child permission to attend any and all such conferences. I hereby release the host, **SHREE RAMKABIR BHAKTA SAMAJ OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**, and the officers and committee members, **SHREE RAMKABIR BHAKTA SAMAJ OF USA, AND BHAKTA YOUTH GROUP**, the organization committee, sponsors and chaperones, all collectively hereinafter referred to as "**SPONSORS**," from any and all liability in the event of injury and or death of said child in this connection, I agree to and shall indemnify and hold harmless the sponsors, their heirs, successors, executors and assigns as well as their agents and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, cause of action, suits and liability of every kind including all expenses of litigation, court costs and attorney's fees for injury to or death of any person including my child, arising out of or in connection with said child attending said conference including all travel to and from Long Beach, CA. It is the expressed intention of the parties hereto, both parent and sponsor that the indemnity provided for in this paragraph is indemnity by parent to indemnify and protect sponsor, their heirs, successors and assigns from the consequences of sponsor's own negligence, whether the negligence is the sole or concurring cause of injury, death or damage.

I further understand that if my child becomes a behavior problem during the conference that the chaperone/host and/or sponsors may call me and I agree to come get my child and take said child home. Such behavioral problem shall include but not be limited to the fact if my child is found to have **alcohol or narcotics** in his or her possession. The sponsors will furnish adequate adult supervision and take reasonable precautions regarding activities during the conference period.

It is also understood that each attendee will be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from LAX. Once you have arrived in Los Angeles, CA, we, the hosts will be responsible for the travel arrangements to Long Beach, CA and other accommodations such as hotel, food and outdoor activities. Please keep in mind that the attendees must be unmarried and be 14 years of age or older. If the participant has not arrived at LAX at the specified times, he or she will be responsible for providing transportation to Long Beach, CA at the Long Beach Hilton. Please specify if your child has a special dietary need or allergic to specific foods so we can try our best to accommodate your child. Please advise us if your child has any or all of the following: 1) specific health problems; 2) disability related accommodations; 3) specific dietary needs; or 4) allergies to specific foods, as we will try our best to comply with your child's needs.

Parents Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Telephone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PLEASE NOTARIZE THIS LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

STATE OF _____)

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COUNTY OF _____)

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the _____ day of _____ 2006, by

PUBLIC NOTARY

Chaperone Information

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR YOUR PAPERWORK WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

NAME (LAST, FIRST): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

AGE: _____ DOB (MONTH / DAY / YEAR): _____ / _____ / _____

SEX (CIRCLE ONE): (MALE / FEMALE)

MEAL (CIRCLE ONE): (VEGETARIAN / NON-VEGETARIAN)

VILLAGE IN INDIA: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

Spouse (Yes/No):

1) _____

Please mail this form to:

Dhruv Bhakta
Bhakta Youth Group
2222 S. El Camino Real
San Clemente, CA 92672—3252

The cost for each chaperone is **\$300** and you must register by May 31, 2006. Please be sure to fill out a separate form if you have a spouse that will also attend the convention.

Chaperones must be aged 25 or above.

Please make all checks payable to SRBS of Southern California.

FAQ

Q: If I am Patel, can I come?

A: Please contact Dhruv N. Bhakta via email at [dnhakta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnbhakta@sbcglobal.net) or via phone at (949) 636-6224 for more information.

Q: Why is the price higher than that of previous BYC's?

A: Please visit the Bhakta Youth Forums on our main webpage, under the thread BYC Prices.

Q: What are the age requirements?

A: Any participant 14 and up is more than welcome. However if you are within 6 months of turning 14, you can still come to the convention. Just make a little note on the Personal Information page for us.

Q: What kind's of educational activities are there?

A: Cultural Seminar, Career fair/Networking, Public Speaking, and Open Forum.

Q: Where are we staying?

A: You will be staying at a 4 star Hilton in the heart of Southern California, in Long Beach along the Pacific Ocean.

Q: Is transportation provided from the airport to the hotel?

A: Yes, transportation will be provided to all who fly into LAX (Los Angeles International Airport) only. More information is available in the registration packet.

Q: Can I get a refund if I decide not to attend BYC at the last minute?

A: Refunds will not be given under any circumstances as we will have already made arrangements for all meals, activities, transportation and so forth based on the number of attendees.

Q: What kinds of "fun" activities will there be?

A: You will have the opportunity to go Kayaking/Hiking, Dinner and Dance on a boat, Raas/Garba, Fireworks, Sports Tournament, Picnic, and plenty of time to spend with friends/family.