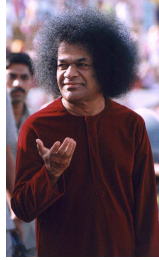


Om Sri Sai Ram



**Summary of 2009 Parthi Trip Meeting
June 7th, 2008
3 pm – 5 pm**

LOVE AND UNITY

The first meeting for the 2009 Parthi Trip was held on April 12, 2008. The second meeting was held on June 7th, 2008 and 41 devotees were in attendance. The following is a brief overview of what was discussed.

The group would be going as **“Region 3”**. This would include Kingston and Cornwall centers.

The focus of this pilgrimage to Puttaparthi is:

- **TRANSFORMATION**
- Love
- Unity
- Integrity
- Giving and Forgiving
- Strong Faith
- Discipline
- Surrender to His Will

Spiritual and Seva Activities

- Spiritual and seva activities are to be undertaken by the group. This is a pre-requisite to be part of the group (family). It was decided that each person must participate in a minimum of 4 seva activities between Sept '08 and June '09.
- Sai devotees in Cornwall and Kingston could carry out these activities at their local centres.
- Some seva activities being considered include a blood donor clinic, Narayan seva at Shepherds Of Good Hope and The Mission and visits to the seniors' centres. Other seva activities being considered include sponsoring children in orphanages in India, supporting some gram seva (village service). These will have to be undertaken on a long term basis and not end on return from Parthi. Details are being investigated.
- Practicing 9 point code of conduct.
- Seva would be to donate time and/or money.
- Any spiritual or seva activity undertaken should be done from your heart. Quality is important. Should not be done mechanically.
- Any activity you participate in, should be done with honesty and integrity. Be truthful to yourself and Swami.

Trip Date/Travel Arrangements

- The group is scheduled to leave Ottawa on Wednesday July 29, 2009 reaching Parthi on Friday July 31, 2009. All devotees must reach Parthi positively on Friday July 31. To allow maximum flexibility, it was decided that devotees can travel separately to Parthi. We all sit together for our first darshan on August 1, 2009. The group will depart from Parthi on August 12, 2009.

- **Commitment /Deposit**

- Deposit of \$150 will be required on or before September 28, 2008.
- Finalize registration by November 23, 2008 and cut off date to drop out is January 15, 2009.

Program at Parthi

- Since there are quite a number of SSE children coming on the trip, the general consensus was that a music/play program would be taken up by the SSE but with all devotees joining together to provide the music. The key point was that **EVERYONE** in the group would be included in the music/play at Parthi. Any activity we plan to perform in Kulwant Hall in front of Swami has to be first approved by the Canadian and International Sai Council.
- There were questions about the inclusion of relatives in India or other countries. This would depend on the approval of the Council. In the event that Bhagawan Baba does grace us with permission to perform, there may be limited number of relatives allowed to sit with the group on the performance day. On all other days even though some may be staying with us in Parthi, they may need to join the general public for Darshan.

An important point to remember:

If for any reason you are not able to give a firm commitment at the moment, it is understandable. Please mark “undecided” on the registration form. But we encourage you to participate in all the group seva, spiritual activities, practices if any and mandatory meetings between September 2008 and June 2009 and fulfill all the requirements. If you haven’t fulfilled them but request to be part of the group later, that would not be possible. Everyone follows the same guidelines.