



GLOBAL AKHANDA BHAJAN 2011

Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centers of New Jersey

As part of the birthday celebrations of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, on the second Saturday-Sunday in November, Bhajans (devotional singing) are conducted continuously for 24 hours at all Sathya Sai Centers on a global level. The significance of community singing is immense, according to Baba. It is the easiest way to reach God in the present age. We request all to participate and sing the Glory of God in unison, creating vibrations that will generate joy, peace, harmony and bliss to all mankind.

With our most humble salutations at the Divine Lotus Feet of our beloved Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centers of New Jersey welcome your participation in the 2011 Global Akhanda Bhajan

From
November 12th Saturday 6 PM
To
November 13th Sunday 6 PM

At
Churchill Junior High School
18 Norton Road,
East Brunswick, NJ – 08816

*Today we are having the Akhanda Bhajan. This is being done not for the sake of one individual, one nation or one community. It is for the welfare of humanity as a whole. The bhajans that are sung permeate the ether in the form of sound waves and fill the entire atmosphere. Thereby, the whole environment is purified. Breathing in this purified atmosphere, our hearts get purified. Reciting the Lord's name is a process of give and take. Singing the Lord's name should become an exercise in mutual sharing of joy and holiness. It should be remembered that the sounds we produce reverberate in the atmosphere. They remain permanently in the ether as waves and outlast the individual uttering the sounds.– **Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba***

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

November 12, 2011

06:00PM - 08:00PM	ASSIGNED ADULTS
08:00PM - 10:00PM	SSE CHILDREN
10:00PM - 01:00AM	EAST BRUNSWICK, BRIDGEWATER, SCOTCH PLAINS & ATLANTIC CITY CENTERS

November 13, 2011

01:00AM - 03:00AM	YOUNG ADULTS
03:00AM - 04:00AM	OPEN BHAJANS
04:00AM - 05:00AM	MEDFORD CENTER
05:00AM - 07:00AM	BRIDGEWATER CENTER / 21 OMKAARS / SUPRABHATHAM
07:00AM - 09:00AM	EDISON AND JERSEY CITY CENTERS
09:00AM - 10:00AM	OLD TAPPAN CENTER
10:00AM - 12:00PM	EAST BRUNSWICK CENTER
12:00PM - 01:00PM	SARVADHARMA CENTER
01:00PM - 02:00PM	HOLMDEL CENTER
02:00PM - 04:00PM	SSE CHILDREN
04:00PM - 05:45PM	ASSIGNED ADULTS
05:45PM - 06:00PM	CLOSING PRAYERS & AARATHI

Note:

- *For those wishing to join, we will be chanting Veda and Ashtothram from 5:30 PM to 6.00 PM on November 12th before the start of the Akhanda Bhajan.*
- *There will be dinner on Saturday and breakfast/lunch/dinner-packets on Sunday for the attendees*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SEVA ACTIVITIES

1. Collection Drive: Those who would like to participate in community service activities for the Thanksgiving and Christmas, a collection will be made for clothing, food, toiletry items and new wrapped and labeled toys/games.

Items needed are: Baby Food, Formula, Pampers, Hygiene and Cleaning Products, Detergents, Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Toiletry Items, Non-perishable Food Items, Books, School Supplies, Wool/yarn, cotton/ flannel material (to make quilts for donation), Decent/New Clothings & Shoes/Sneakers, Coats, Jackets, Towels, Blankets/Sheets.

We will be collecting these items during Nov 12th and 13th during Global Akhanda Bhajan. Please bring all the items to the School cafeteria.

2. Volunteering: We need lots of volunteers to setup and clean up in the dining hall as well as the main hall areas. Help is also needed to clean the premises after the Bhajans.
3. Water Containers: A friendly reminder for everyone to bring our own reusable water bottles, so we can refuel and serve ourselves with plenty of water during long hours of bhajan singing, and at the same time reduce the use of disposable cups/bottles and make the 2011 NJ Akhanda Bhajan as "green" as possible.
4. Household Used Batteries Collection & Recycling: Our NJ YAs have initiated collection of household batteries and volunteered for proper disposal of the collected items at proper recycling facilities. If you have any old household batteries (ONLY Button Cell batteries; and rechargeable batteries, such as Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, Li-ion) that you would like to recycle, please bring them to the GAB and drop them off at the allocated drop box location. Rechargeable and button cell batteries contain toxic chemicals and should not be disposed of in the normal trash.

Bus Transportation from New York City

Bus Transportation is available from New York City Port authority Bus Terminal (at 42nd Street) to East Brunswick (Neilson Plaza, Tower Center). For more information please contact Suburban Transit (NJ Contact Phone No.:732-249-1100). Buses depart from upper level gates 420-424. Tickets must be purchased at windows 16-19 before boarding the bus.

Please contact Ramesh Gulrajani of East Brunswick Center (Home Tel #: 732-251-4584, Cell #: 908-208-7480, E-Mail: y2kprema@gmail.com) to make prior arrangements for a ride from the Neilson Plaza to the venue.

DIRECTIONS

*Churchill Junior High School
18 Norton Road
East Brunswick, New Jersey – 08816*

- A. From Route 27 North / South (North Brunswick)**
Take Finnegan Lane to cross over to Route 1 North.
1. Turn LEFT onto US-1 N. - 5.4 miles
 2. Take the RYDERS LANE ramp toward MILLTOWN / EAST BRUNSWICK - 0.2 miles
 3. Merge onto CR-617 S / RYDERS LN. – 1.0 miles
 4. Turn LEFT onto TICES LN. – 0.7 miles
 5. LEFT onto UNIVERSITY RD. – 0.2 miles
 6. Turn RIGHT onto NORTON RD. – 0.1 miles
 7. Turn Right into the Parking Lot and Park.
- B. From Route 1. North/South**
Follow directions from A.3 to A.7 above.
- C. From the North via Garden State Parkway**
Take exit #129 and Enter New Jersey Turnpike South (Exit #11)
Follow Directions from D. below
- D. From North or South (N. J. Turnpike)**
Take exit #9 and Enter RT 18 South
1. Take the RT-18 exit- EXIT 9- toward US-1 / NEW BRUNSWICK / EAST BRUNSWICK.
 2. Take the RT-18 S ramp toward SOUTH RIVER / E.BRUNSWICK, Merge onto NJ-18. . – 1.6 m
 3. Turn RIGHT onto TICES LN. – 0.5 miles
 4. Turn RIGHT onto UNIVERSITY RD. – 0.2 miles
 5. Turn RIGHT onto NORTON RD. – 0.1 miles
 6. Turn Right into the Parking Lot and Park.
- E. From Route 130 North / Route 535 North / Exit 8A NJ Tpk.**
Follow sign for Route 535 North
1. Take Route 535 North (also known as Cranbury)
 2. Turn LEFT onto DUNHAMS CORNER RD. – 3.0 miles
 3. Turn LEFT onto RYDERS LN / CR-617. – 2.2 miles
 4. Turn RIGHT onto TICES LN. – 0.7 miles
 5. Turn LEFT onto UNIVERSITY RD. – 0.2 miles
 6. Turn RIGHT onto NORTON RD. – 0.1 miles
 7. Turn Right into the Parking Lot and Park.
- F. From Route 9(North or South)**
Follow signs for New Brunswick and NJ Turnpike and Enter RT 18 North
1. Be in the rightmost lane after passing West Ferris Street. After passing MIDSTATE MALL and STARBUCKS on your right, follow EXIT Sign for LEFT and U TURN EXIT – hence be in the rightmost lane - ENTER the RAMP and Cross Route 18.
 2. Drive on TICES LN. – 0.5 miles
 3. Turn RIGHT onto UNIVERSITY RD. – 0.2 miles
 4. Turn RIGHT onto NORTON RD. – 0.1 miles
 5. Turn Right into the Parking Lot and Park



START EARLY.....DRIVE SLOWLY.....REACH SAFELY! - Baba