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Diwali Event FAQ

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Hello:

Through the grapevine, we have encountered a few frequently and some not so frequently asked questions regarding the Diwali Festival planning. So we thought of addressing them for everybody's benefit.

Regards,

Spokane India Community.

Event FAQs:

Who can attend the Diwali Festival?

Short answer: Anyone

Long answer: The event is open to all members of SIC as well as to non-members (no restrictions). However, we encourage the local Indian community in the Spokane area to become members.

Why is the event planned for Sunday?

Short Answer: Logistics

Long Answer: The event is planned for the weekend immediately after Diwali to harness the Diwali spirit that everyone will be enjoying through that whole week. Preferred venues were not available on Saturday of that week.

Why is the event in the afternoon and not in the evening?

Short Answer: School Night and Food arrangements

Long Answer: Kids' participation is a major component of the program and we want to make sure they have enough time to recuperate before starting their week. Also, since we are not doing a full-blown lunch or dinner we wanted to schedule the event such that there is no impact on most people's regular meal schedule.

Why are we not doing a full-blown lunch/dinner?

Short Answer: To keep event pass cost down and avoid burdening few families with potluck

Long Answer: An event appropriate venue plays a big role in the ambience and the overall experience for everyone attending. It is also important that we provide the best possible facilities to all the performers (most of them kids) and show our appreciation for all the hard work and effort they put in to showcase their talents. This means that a significant portion of the event budget is consumed by the venue cost. That coupled with a conservative expectation on turnout does not leave us with enough resources to justify an elaborate feast. However, in future as SIC gets more established and has a broader membership base, the economy of scale will allow for delivering on both fronts without having to raise the cost of participation.

How can I help in making the event successful?

Short Answer: Promote, Attend, Participate and Volunteer

Long Answer: Sooner the organizers know about the final head count and the muscle power at their disposal, the better they can plan and execute an event like this. So do not wait to buy your event passes until the last moment and let them know if you would like to help in making the event successful.