

**SAI RAM SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF  
SRI SATHYA SAI BABA CENTRE OF CALGARY**

**SALUTATIONS AND HUMBLE PRANAMS AT THE  
LOTUS FEET OF  
BHAGAWAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA**

**\*\* KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW – PLEASE READ \*\***

**Schedule for June 25, 2017 & Venue:**

Hindu Mandir Calgary  
2225 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E.  
Calgary T2E 8M2  
[\(403\) 291-2551](tel:4032912551)

**Study Circle: 2:15 – 3:30pm**

Last week's Study Circle was successfully conducted with a fairly good attendance. The next session has been scheduled for June 25, 2017 at 2.15 pm. on the following topic:- "The mystique of participating in regular Sai Satsangs." There will be a lot of discussions along with interesting anecdotes for participants to feel spiritually uplifted. So let us make it a point to attend.

**Bhajans: 3:55 – 5:00pm**

**Arathi and Concluding Prayers**

**Announcements:**

- 1. Food Bank Collection**

Our Centre has started to collect items for the Calgary Food bank as there is a huge shortage of emergency items for children and adults. We kindly request the devotees to bring some non-perishable canned veggies, pasta, sauce, baby diapers, juice etc. We will setup a drop box to collect these items and will be dropped off at the Food bank regularly.

## **2. Seva Activities for June & July**

The following Seva activities have been organized for June & July. Signup sheets will be available on Sunday during the Satsang.

- 25-June-2017: The Narayana seva (prepare and bring sandwiches and granola bars to the centre for distribution to the Calgary Drop-in centre) is open to all devotees
- 01-July-2017: There are still some spots available for the sea (preparation of brunch) at the Ronald MacDonald centre. Please contact Mr. Naga Mudigonda if you are interested.

## **3. Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Calgary – Membership Form 2017-2018**

We are in the process of updating the membership list for “Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Calgary”. The membership to the Centre is absolutely free and everyone is welcome.

This is essential as we move forward with different initiatives for our centre.

Also as per Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation, our Centre requires your consent in sending weekly announcements. You can confirm if you would like to receive weekly announcements or unsubscribe from the distribution list by completing the registration link below.

Membership can be renewed in one of the two ways.

1. Electronically: Please click the link <https://goo.gl/forms/B3fSf8DMatNtTFEZ2> to complete the registration in less than 5 minutes.

(Or)

2. Paper copy: We will have paper-copies available during the Sunday satsang starting July 9th. We appreciate your response

#### 4. SSE Bal Vikas Classes

SSE Bal vikas classes are now completed for the summer months, however every Sunday during the summer (except long weekends), the children will practice the play for the Canada Western retreat, planned for September long weekend. The practices will be conducted at the Hindu Mandir from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Coming Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>, the children will also help with sandwich seva at the centre.

#### 5. SSE Canada 150 National Poem Contest

The SSE children participated in the SSE Canada 150 National poem competition that was held among all Sai Centres across Canada in celebration of Canada turning 150 years old.

The results from the 150th Canada poem contest have been released!

A huge congratulations to all the children who participated - very proud of our SSE children and all their hard work!

As mentioned during the Satsung on June 18, please see attached for the children's poems.

The following children participated from the Calgary Sai Centre:

	Author	Title
1	Ishita Millan Vallabh	The Land of Beauty
2	Neha Natasha Naidu	Canada 150
3	Unnamalai Balaji	Canada is one hundred fifty years old
4	Vipula Sundar	Canada
5	Paru Bansal	Happy 150 <sup>th</sup> birthday to you Canada!

I am also very happy to announce that our Calgary Sai Centre received two honorable mentions!

Neha Naidu

Paru Bansal

Once again, very proud of all the children. I personally was very impressed when reading their poems!. Please join me in congratulating the children on participating in this competition.

Sai Ram,  
Thatcha, Education Coordinator

## **6. International Medical Camp in Russia August 2017**

Sai Ram dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are pleased to inform you that the Sri Sathya Sai International Organization of Russia is organizing an International Medical Camp in Russia in August 2017, in Mikhailovskiy city, Nizhnesergievsky District, which is in the Ural region of Russia (Sverdlovsk Region). The work will be in surrounding 5 villages of Mikhailovskiy city.

Medical volunteers from the Sri Sathya Sai International Organization of Russia of UK & USA have been invited to join the devotees from Russian speaking countries, in this International Medical Camp. The Camp is scheduled to take place from 4 to 12 August 2017 (subject to any changes by the host). The host has requested for various medical specialties including:

- General/Internal/Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Optometry
- Ophthalmology
- Psychiatry
- Neurology
- ENT
- Cardiology
- Endocrinology
- Dental
- Other Medical Professionals

Limited general volunteers and eligible medical students will also be accepted on a selection basis.

If you are interested in participating in this medical camp, please send the following documents immediately to nilayam9@hotmail.com and hconjeev@hotmail.com

1. A copy of your CV and copy of your Medical School Degree Certificate and Board Certification.
2. A copy of your Current State License to practice your Specialty.
3. A copy of the main page of your passport containing your personal details and photograph.

We will be sending additional information soon for those who are interested in participating in the Camp.

Lovingly in Sai Service,

Yatish  
Dr. Yatish Merchant

Sai Ram dear all,

Please see additional information we received from our Russia Sai Team.

Date of Arrival = Friday August 4th to Ekaterinburg  
You will need to go from USA/Canada to likely Moscow and from Moscow to Ekaterinburg

Camp ends on Friday August 11th  
Local excursion (famous wild life preservation) on Saturday August 12th  
Leave back to USA/Canada on August 13th

If you are confirming to come, they need the following documents immediately. Please scan and e-mail immediately.  
Copy Medical School/Medical College Certificate.  
Copy of current Active Medical License in the State/Country you are/were working.  
Copy of Board Certification in the Specialty (and Sub-Specialty as applicable) you are trained.

You will also need to keep a hard copy of each of the above with you when you travel to Russia.

A few facts:

Upon arrival at Ekaterinberg to Camp is about 130kms (2-2.5 hours)

Weather: unpredictable, get warm clothes, can be cool

Currency: USD (common currency)

Accommodation: all will stay in a hotel – approximately \$USD 30 per person per night. This will be bed & breakfast (on top of this we take around \$USD 10 per person per day for the food during the camp)

So, total about \$USD 40 per person per day

Local Excursion: \$USD 30-40 per person.

Christian public in the region

Additional things to bring if possible:

Note books

Computers (2nd hand) to be given at the camp

PLEASE CONFIRM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME - PLEASE SEND THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS IMMEDIATELY AS WELL.

ALSO, IF YOU ARE CONFIRMING TO COME, PLEASE START LOOKING AT FLIGHTS AND KEEP US UPDATED WITH THE ABOVE SCHEDULE.

Thank you all kindly.

In Swami's Service,  
Hari

## Upcoming Events:

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events at the Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre of Calgary in 2017.

Date	Day	Festival
July 2	Sunday	Centre will be closed due to Long Weekend

July 4	Tuesday	Ashadi Ekadasi
August 15	Tuesday	<a href="#">Krishna Janmashtami</a>
August 25	Friday	<a href="#">Ganesh Chaturthi</a>
September 4	Monday	Onam
September 30	Saturday	<a href="#">Vijay Dasami (Dasera)</a>
October 19	Thursday	Deepavali (Diwali)
November 11, 12	Saturday, Sunday	Global Akhanda Bhajans
November 19	Sunday	<a href="#">Ladies Day</a>
November 22	Wednesday	Convocation of SSSIHL
November 23	Thursday	<a href="#">Bhagawan's Birthday</a>
December 25	Monday	<a href="#">Christmas</a>

Think for a while, what benefit will you gain by listening to gossip and talking unnecessarily about unsacred things? Nothing! In fact, you will be polluting your heart in the process. All that you see and hear gets imprinted on your heart. Once your heart is polluted, your life will become meaningless. The other day, while speaking to the devotees from Visakhapatnam, I quoted this example: "Human heart is like a pen. The colour of the words that you write will be the same as the colour of the ink in the pen." Hence, teach your ears to listen to the stories of the Lord instead of listening to vain gossip. Only when you fill your heart with selfless love, all that you think, say and do will be suffused with love. Remember, God expects you to fill your heart with love and lead a sacred life.

- *Divine Discourse, Aug 22, 2000*