

JAI SHRI HATKESH!  
ATHITI DEVO BHAVO!

CONVENTION  
HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
12 Noon to 5PM Regis-  
tration/Social Gathering

5PM to 7PM  
Welcome & Cultural  
Program (Visitors)

7PM to 8:30PM  
Dinner

9PM to Midnight  
Raas Garba

JULY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
7AM to 8:30AM  
Breakfast

9AM to 10AM  
Pooja

10:30AM to 12:30PM  
Concurrent Sessions

12:30PM—2:30PM  
Lunch

2:30PM to 4:00PM  
Town Hall Meeting/Kids  
Program/Youth Pro-  
grams

5:00PM to 7:00PM  
Cultural Program - Hosts  
7:00PM to 8:30PM  
Dinner

9:00PM to Midnight  
Music Program/Kids  
Program/Youth Pro-  
gram/Cruise for (18 -35  
Year Old—Extra fees)

JULY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
10AM to 2PM  
Picnic

# CHICAGO PADHARO!

ANNOUNCING THE WORLD NAGAR CONVENTION 2008

## Welcome to Chicagoland!

Jai Hatkesh! Chicago Padharo!

Nagar Mandal of Greater Chicago, Inc. takes great pleasure in extending a very warm welcome to you and your family to the National Nagar Convention 2008 to be held in the Chicago area July 4<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The planned festivities include social, cultural and entertainment activities followed by an outdoor picnic on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please find the attached registration form. A detailed program and directions to the venue along with hotel and travel information will be mailed to registered participants and will serve as an acknowledgement of your registration. Kindly note the vari-

ous deadlines outlined in the registration form and help us help you make a memorable trip to what is expected to be one of the largest gatherings of Nagars in America.

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Please treat this letter as a personal invitation from the Nagar Community of Greater Chicago. These letters are being mailed out to over 900



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Nagar families across the country and to over 25 Nagar associations outside of USA. If we

have missed any of your friends or other family members, please feel free to make a copy of this letter and the attached registration form and extend an equally warm welcome to them on our behalf.

Please complete the attached registration form as soon as possible and return along with a check to the address on the registration form. Kindly make your checks payable to Nagar Mandal of Greater Chicago, Inc. If you have any questions about the convention you may contact any of the committee members mentioned here in or e-mail your questions, suggestions to [Nagar2008@chicagonagars.org](mailto:Nagar2008@chicagonagars.org).

We will welcome any donations on a voluntary basis with

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great appreciation. Donors receive complimentary registrations as indicated on the donation form.

will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

United Airlines/Lufthansa will be the official airline of the World Nagar Convention 2008. Hertz is the official rental car. All three United, Lufthansa and Hertz will give

you discount. The conditions and terms are available on the website. The hotels that will offer discount and ones around the venue are also listed on the website under logistics – [www.chicagonagars.org](http://www.chicagonagars.org)

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OFFICIAL AIRLINES OF THE WORLD  
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 **Lufthansa**

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION

- Open to all families where at least one spouse is a Nagar
- Registration Payment is due at the time of registration
- Late Registration after May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

## POOJA SPONSORSHIP

Families are welcome to sponsor Puja—

Yajmaan—\$251 per family—will be seated at the altar

General—\$21—will perform puja as a family in the general area

Please contact Ratnakar Nanavaty at [ratnakar@chicagonagars.org](mailto:ratnakar@chicagonagars.org) for sponsorship.

## DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIP

- Each donation from a Nagar person over \$500 receives one convention registration free
- Each donation from a Nagar person over \$1000 receives two convention registrations free
- You are welcome to sponsor events as follows:  
Breakfast \$2000      Lunch \$5000  
Dinner \$7500      Picnic \$3000

For Donations/Sponsorships please contact Ratnakar Nanavaty at [ratnakar@chicagonagars.org](mailto:ratnakar@chicagonagars.org)

## AUCTIONS

We will have opportunities for you to show case your crafts/arts – if you are a craftsman or painter and would like to exhibit and auction your masterpiece – you could do so. We will auction these items for you. This will allow you to show case your talent and give the opportunity for you to contribute towards the convention. Please contact Ujjwal Mehta for more details at [ujjwal@chicagonagars.org](mailto:ujjwal@chicagonagars.org)

## CULTURAL PROGRAM

To participate in Cultural Program contact Nirmita Dholakia at [Nirmita@chicagonagars.org](mailto:Nirmita@chicagonagars.org).

The following are the Guidelines for the Cultural Show:

- Only four or more people per item
- Filmy songs will be screened for cultural relevance
- All items will be decided in advance - no last minute entries - all entries should be submitted to Cultural Committee before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for auditioning/screening.
- All non-Chicago events will be on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 between 5PM and 7PM.
- There is a limit of 8 minutes per item. Preference will be given to equal representation from all regions before giving a second item to a region. Only one appearance per person.

## SOUVENIR BOOKLET ARTICLES

We welcome your contributions for the Souvenir booklet – if you can contribute towards educating the new generation about our culture and Nagar heritage please forward your articles to Prathik Mehta – [prathik@chicagonagars.org](mailto:prathik@chicagonagars.org). **All articles must be delivered by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to be included in the booklet.**

## CHICAGO CRUISE FOR THE YOUNG ADULTS

A special cruise has been arranged for all young adults aged between 18 years and 35 years, there is an additional fee for the cruise. All cruise participants must have registered for the convention. The extra charge is \$80 if registered by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and \$100 if registering after May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. For more details contact [youth@chicagonagars.org](mailto:youth@chicagonagars.org). The Cruise will be on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> between 7:30PM and 11:30PM. Transportation to and from the venue is provided.



# WORLD NAGAR CONVENTION 2008

## Registration Form

(At least one spouse has to be a Nagar;  
Please use one form per family)



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Member's Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Information:

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the following for your children:

Name	Son/Daughter	Age	Email Address (for Youth over 18 years)

Primary contact information:

Home Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information:

Before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Adult Registration \$80 each \_\_\_\_ X 80 =

Child Registration \$50 each \_\_\_\_ X 50 =

Youth Cruise Registration (Ages 18 to 35) \_\_ X \$80 =

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Adult Registration \$100 each \_\_\_\_ X 100 = \_\_\_\_

Child Registration \$60 each \_\_\_\_ X 60 = \_\_\_\_

Youth Cruise Registration (Ages 18 to 35) \_\_ X \$100= \_\_\_\_

**Please include a Check payable to Nagar Mandal of Greater Chicago and mail along with this form to Nagar 2008, 1026 Village Lane, Gurnee, IL 60031, USA**

By submitting this form I release permission to Nagar Association of Greater American Regions to publish the above information in a directory in any form. The Nagar Association of Greater American Regions ensures you that it will not sell any information or the database to any organization or business for any business purposes.

This releases NAGAR and Nagar Mandal of Greater Chicago Inc. of any liability associated with the convention and the Cruise.

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WORLD NAGAR CONVENTION**  
**JULY 4th, 2008—JULY 6th, 2008**

**VENUE:**

**HUNTLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**13719 HARMONY RD,**  
**HUNTLEY, IL 60142**

**HOTELS NEARBY:**

**HAMPTON INN**  
**ELGIN**

**COUNTRY INN & SUITES,**  
**CRYSTAL LAKE**

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**  
**ALGONQUIN**

Check our website for promotional arrangements with some hotels in the area:  
[www.chicagonagars.org](http://www.chicagonagars.org)

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:**

**FLY UNITED AIRLINES WITHIN US AND LUFTHANSA AIRLINES FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD— BOTH ARE OFFICIAL AIRLINES OF THE NAGAR CONVENTION AND WILL EXTEND LIMITED DISCOUNTS. USE DISCOUNT CODE—577ZA.**

**HERTZ RENTAL CAR DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE AS WELL—MUST BOOK AT THE SAME TIME AS BOOKING THE ABOVE AIRLINES.**

**DETAILS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE**

[www.chicagonagars.org](http://www.chicagonagars.org)



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