Bharatiya Temple

Outreach Visitor Information

**Visitors are asked to read this thoroughly and fill out the form below. We request that all visits are done in groups particularly if it is part of a college course. WHILE WE WELCOME ALL to our temple, as we are a house of worship, there is a 2-week lead time to arrange a visit with a volunteer who can help you navigate and provide an overview of the customs of the Hindu community.**

**Typical Visit:**

Group arrives, assembles in the foyer, after everyone has a chance to remove their shoes and hang up their coats.

Continue with a brief intro of speaker/hosts, explanation about the premises and what is in the foyer.
Enter the Prayer Hall, have a 20-30 minute lecture, with a chance to observe and ask questions. People are advised to dress modestly as we usually sit on the floor in a lotus style (crosslegged). People who cannot sit because of a disability/discomfort are provided chairs.

Walking tour of the rest of the facilities - the *havan* area, multipurpose hall and the dining hall, where we end with additional questions and answers.
Generally an hour to an hour and half is recommended.

Temple Hours:

Mon-Fri: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Sat & Sun: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

NOTES:

The Temple has a preschool on the premises, and groups may be restricted to usage of/visit of spaces such as our dining hall, during typical school hours/days.

Although the prayer hall may be open, check the Temple’s religious calendar (see here http://www.bharatiya-temple.org/home/calendar/) to make sure that there is no conflict with a holyday where a visit may obstruct/distract devotees.

Food (*Prasad*) is provided on certain Sundays and holydays, where devotees prepare a meal as part of the day's services. All food served is vegetarian, and alcohol or smoking on the premises is not allowed. However, there are several Indian restaurants nearby.

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INFORMATION ABOUT REQUESTOR:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GROUP/ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DATE REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION ABOUT GROUP:

1. How many adults: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. How many students: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a. Age/Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

b. Number of Chaperones: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the purpose of the visit?

a. a world religions unit from school

b. ethnic/world cultures unit from school

c. a religious group (e.g., church class)

d. other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. What times/days of week would you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Anything else you would like Temple Outreach Committee to know:

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Form Received/Reviewed:

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Office Staff (print name) Date

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Outreach Chair Date

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Date Assigned for Visit Visit Completed