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India Association of Virginia (IAVA)

Volume 15, Issue 3, May 2009

Dear Community Members,

Thank you for your enthusiastic support for an extremely successful Antakshari program. The Hindu Center was filled with a lively audience throughout the event. We are thankful to the following sponsors for donating Gift Cards for the participants and winners:

Indo Pak Grocery Store	\$300	Qdoba Mexican Grill	\$240
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I would like to invite you to the annual picnic at York River State Park on Saturday, May 23. At the picnic, new and different food items will be prepared hourly. Also, we will provide complimentary kites for the first 75 families that attend.

New this year, we will have performances by several famous celebrities: On Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, Manna Dey and on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sa Re Ga Ma Pa artists (Debojit Saha, Mauli Dave, Ayub Patel and Harpreet Deol) will perform at the Cultural Center of India (CCI) at 7 PM.

**To honor and express our gratitude for all the sponsors this year, I will be hosting a dinner with the living legend Manna Dey on Friday, September 4.**

If you would like to volunteer or support this association, please contact any of the team members. I look forward to your continued support and participation in the IAVA activities.

With Warm Regards,

**Surya P. Dhakar,**

*President, India Association of Virginia*

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Web Address: [WWW.IAVA.US](http://WWW.IAVA.US)

## IAVA - CAMPING

July 17-19 2009, (Friday-Sunday)

At: Lake Sherando Park

Fee: Two nights: \$30/adult \$15/child

One night: \$25/Adult \$10/child

*Lots of Food, Games, and entertainment for every age group*

**For further information contact:**

**Anand Keskar (346-5445), or Surya Dhakar (747-1025)**

*Details about the camping facility can be found at the following URL:*

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?attrID=29489>

## IAVA - PICNIC

on **May 23 2009, Saturday**, 11 A.M. to 6 PM

**at: York River State Park**

**Free: for Members and their families**

**\$5/ person for Non-Members**

*Food: Jalebi, Samosa, Pani-Puri, Faluda, Idli Sambhar, Pakoda, Tea, Sandwich, Fruits, Pizza, Cotton Candy*

*Games: Kayaking, Kite Flying, Cricket, Three legged Race etc.*

**For further information contact: Goutam Gandhi**

**(935-0559) or Mukul Paithane (273-6479)**

A Reflection of Indian Community Activities

**India Association of Virginia**  
Celebrates

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Venue: Cultural Center of India (CCI)

Date: Sunday, August 16 2009

Time: 2:30 pm

(Social Hour/Complimentary Snacks: 2:00 to 2:30 pm)

To participate in the Cultural Program, please call  
Bina Shah (527-6564) or Surya Dhakar (747-1025)

Join us to enjoy a fun-filled evening with local talents.  
Dinner will be provided after the program for 1500 people

**IAVA's FALOODA BOOTH**

at Taste of India

On June 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 at CCI

For further information please visit [WWW.IAVA.US](http://WWW.IAVA.US)

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## Family Camping at Lake Sherando July 17-19 (Friday - Sunday), 2009

**Address:** 96 Sherando Lake Road Lyndhurst, VA 22952,  
Park Phone: (540) 291-2188. Details about the camping  
facility can be found at the following URL:

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?attrID=29489>

To register, please complete the *Camping Registration Form* on our website [www.java.us](http://www.java.us) and mail your checks made out to the "India Association of Virginia." Checks should be mailed to the address on the form and reach by June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will confirm your reservation by e-mail. The registration fee includes campsite lodging and food (breakfast, lunch, evening snacks, and dinner) arrangements. Volunteering for food preparation is expected. More details around planning will be provided to people who have registered for the trip by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

You are responsible for your personal items, camping gear, and reaching the camping site 3 PM on Friday (July 17). Upon arrival, you will be assigned a camping site and help will be provided for pitching tents.

Rest assured this event will be a terrific opportunity to be a part of a big Indian family for 2 nights. Events will be planned around meals. The timing of the meals will be as follows:

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Breakfast: 8 AM	Breakfast: 8 AM
	Lunch – 12 pm	Checkout: 11 AM
Snacks & Tea – 4:00 PM	Snacks & Tea – 4:00 PM	Cleanup & Disperse
Dinner: 8 PM	Dinner: 9 PM	
Campfire: 9 PM	Campfire: 9 PM	

### "Camping Registration From"

**Two nights: \$30/adult \$15/child**

**One night: \$25/Adult \$10/child**

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one Choice: 2-Nights Fri & Sat / 1-Night Sat Only

Number of Adults Including Self (x \$30 or x \$25): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of School going Children (x \$15 or x \$10): \_\_\_\_\_

Sr. No.	Name of Person	Adult/Child	Meal Preference (Veg / Non-Veg)
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*Note: Please mail checks to reach by June 30<sup>th</sup> in favor of "India Association of Virginia" at following address:  
India Association of Virginia, 11309 Chappell Ridge Ct., Glen Allen, VA 23059*

**For Further Information please contact: Anand Keskar (346-5445) or Surya Dhakar (747-1025)**

*Become an IAVA Member & Save on Camping Trip*

# PICNIC at York River State Park

Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Show up promptly at 11AM on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and your kids will enjoy owning 3-D kites. Stay till 6 PM, and you shall enjoy the chance to go out for free dinners! And in between those times is a boatload of fun.

For the food lovers, it would be a crime not to go – **Samosa, Jalebi, Pani Puri, Idli-Sambar, Pulav, Papad, Mango Lassi, IceCream- Faluda, Fruits, Sandwich, and the omnipresent tea.** If you think your parents don't know taste, we will have **Pizza, Cotton Candy, and Ice-cream** for the young connoisseurs to go with the games.

Talking of games – teach your parents about wheel barrow **and three legged race**; there will be family competition. While toddlers enjoy the **swings** and slides and keep their moms busy, Dads are welcome to join in games of **volleyball and cricket.** You may also decide to **kayak or go horseback** riding. The **bingo, Kite Flying** and a possible **magic show** at the amphitheatre will provide ample fun during the afternoon tea. That is if you wake up from that afternoon siesta under the big shady tree.

The only downside is that you have to stop making lame excuses and get out onto I-64, take exit 231B, and follow signs to York River State Park, Shelter 2. Bring your good mood and \$3 to enter the park. In return, we will give you a full day of fun for free, and two more days of not having to go to work after the picnic.

*Disclaimer: Have fun responsibly. IAVA is organizing, but the risk of participation is yours.*

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**Registration:** \$150 per team, 15 Members Per team.

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Prize distribution ceremony will be held during the Indian Independence day celebration on August 16, 2009 at CCI.

For more information or to sponsors the tournament: please contact **Sanjay Singhvi** (804.402.3913) or email: [sssinghvi@gmail.com](mailto:sssinghvi@gmail.com)

**Care to Share Ideas:** We always welcome new ideas and suggestions to improve the Association's activities. If you would like to share ideas please call me at 804-754-3242 or email at [dubeyrr@gmail.com](mailto:dubeyrr@gmail.com)

*Rajendra Dubey, Editor*

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You can also submit your information for **India Directory - 2009** at this web site. It is not mandatory to become a member of IAVA to be included in the India Directory, however, members name will be printed in bold letters. To advertise in the India Directory, please call Surya Dhakar (304-9501) or e-mail: [dhakar@dhakar.com](mailto:dhakar@dhakar.com)

If you have spare time and a desire to get involved in the IAVA's activities, please call us. Volunteers are always welcome. Children could get volunteer hours.

**DARPAN circulation is 1500 and is largest among all Indian community newsletters in the Richmond area.**

IAVA & CCI Presents

A Melodious Evening with

Living Legend Manna Dey

On Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 at CCI

Songs include:

[Tujhe Suraj Kahoon](#)

[Sur Na Saje](#)

[Mud Mud Ke Na Dekh](#)

[Laaga Chunari Mein](#)

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On Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 at CCI

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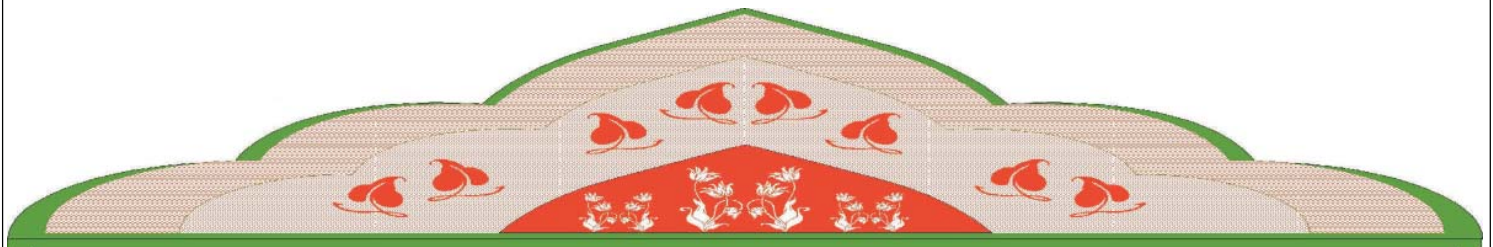
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Republic Day	January 25, Sunday
Antakshri Competition	March 21, Saturday
Asian Festival	May 09, Saturday
<b>Spring Picnic</b>	<b>May 23, Saturday</b>
<b>Cricket Tournament</b>	<b>June, 2009</b>
<b>Camping Trip</b>	<b>July 17-19 (Fri-Sun)</b>
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>August 16, Sunday</b>
Manna Dey Program	September 5, Saturday
Chess & TT	September, TBD
Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Music	October 2, Friday
General Body Meeting	October, Saturday
Educational Program	October, Saturday
New Year Celebration	December 31, Friday



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