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The Annual NASA get-together is almost upon us! The Board is busy with the final preparations and we are eagerly anticipating the event. We need you to send us your registration forms as soon as possible! We have to reserve the hotel rooms and they are booking up fast. Please call to help us reserve your rooms.

The program for this year includes a talk by the CEO of OfficeMax, Ravi Saligram. We will also enjoy a Carnatic vocal concert by our own Harsha Nagarajan. This year, we also get to enjoy the facilities at the Doubletree Hotel with food prepared onsite.

Please look for event details later in this newsletter and we look forward to seeing you in Somerset, NJ.



NASA President Keshava Kumar & BOD

1. 2012 NASA Get-Together and General Body Meeting Aug 17-19 in Somerset, NJ

Come and join your fellow Sankethis for a wonderful weekend in New Jersey! We have an exciting program planned with a musical program by Sankethi artists as well as a talk by the CEO of OfficeMax. **Please register ASAP as we need to reserve rooms.** If you are sending in your checks, **please call or email Keshava Kumar or any member of the board to reserve your lodging.** We look forward to seeing you all there!

The 2012 Annual NASA GBM will be held August 17-19 at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center in Somerset, NJ. The details of the venue are provided below and registration forms are at the end of this newsletter. As we are holding this event in a hotel, registrations assume double occupancy (two adults) per room.

When: 5pm Friday August 17 – August 19, 2012
Where: DoubleTree Hotel, 200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873
Phone: 732-469-2600
Link: <http://doubletreesomerset.com/>

Please take a look at this exciting new venue. The hotel offers indoor and outdoor pools, tennis, volleyball and basketball courts, exercise facility and more. We are also planning several activities around our theme including music programs, youth talent showcase, career planning and networking and more. If you are interested in participating or organizing an activity, please contact the BOD.

2. Picnic at Round Valley Recreational Area on Friday Aug. 17

Join us from 3-6:30pm on Friday, August 17th for swimming, hiking, games and more at the Round Valley Recreation Area (<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/round.html>). Round Valley is a state park located about 35 minutes west of the Doubletree Somerset Hotel. We will be picnicking in the North Area - see the attached map for more details. Questions? Call Ranjini at 201-835-5081.

Round Valley Recreation Area

1220 Lebanon-Stanton Road Lebanon, NJ 08833-3115
Entrance fee (per car): \$5 NJ residents/\$10 non-residents

Directions:

Take I-78 west to exit 20 A to Route 22 west, follow signs to the park.
Take I-78 east to exit 18 (Route 22 east), follow signs to the park.

3. Carnatic Vocal Music Program on Saturday Aug. 18

Just like last year, this year we have planned a great Carnatic classical music concert! Our very own Harsha Nagarajan will give the concert. He is a student of R.K. Padmanaba and is currently a PhD student. This young artist will be accompanied by Suhas Rao, a great violinist who has accompanied R.K. Srikantan. Shenthuraan Dharmaraja, a very talented Mrduganist, will round out our big three. He graced us at our NASA concert last year. The concert will be on Saturday, August 18th. We hope to see you all there!

4. Talk by OfficeMax CEO Ravi Saligram

Ravi Saligram joined OfficeMax as president and chief executive officer in November 2010. At that time, he also became a member of the OfficeMax Board of Directors. Mr. Saligram is responsible for leading the company through its next phase of growth and driving shareholder value. He brings to OfficeMax significant expertise in managing professional services organizations and growing businesses and brands.

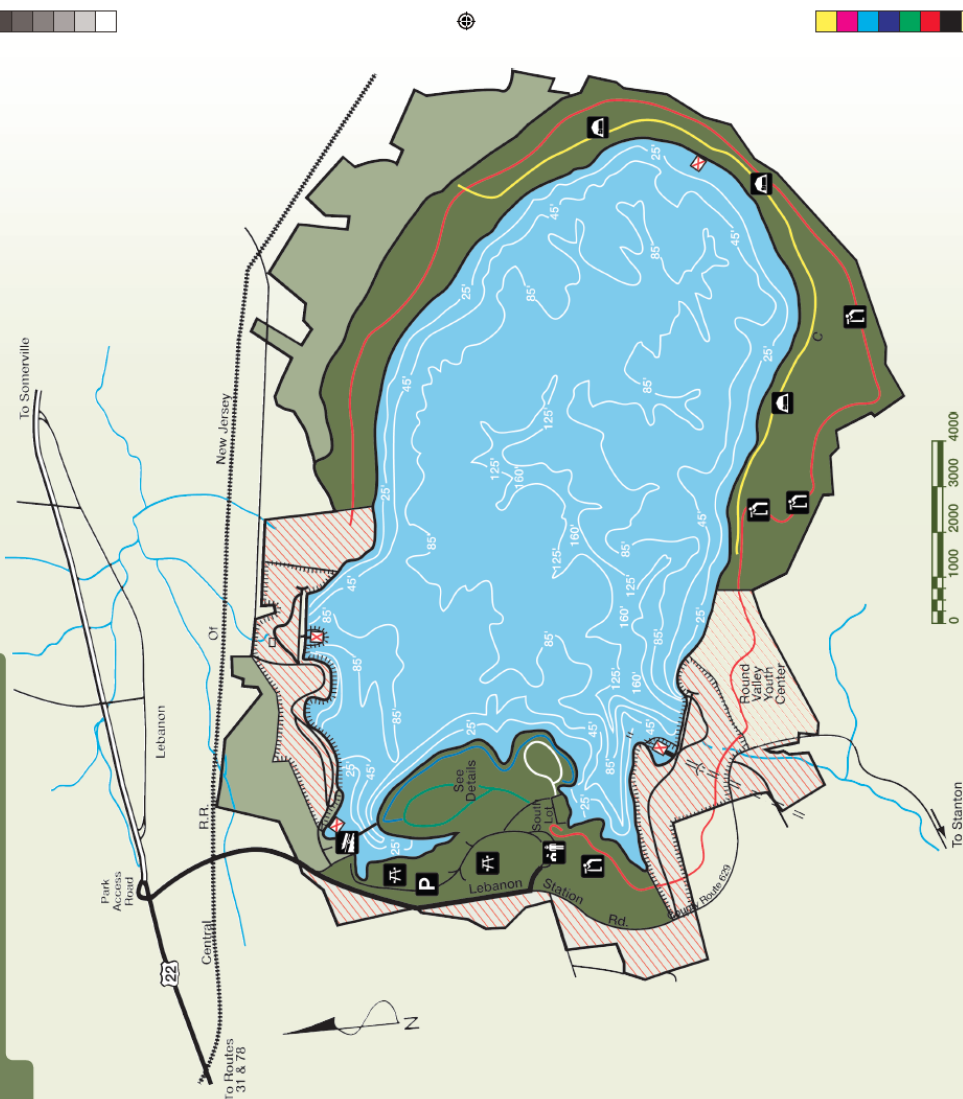
Mr. Saligram will talk to NASA members on Saturday afternoon. The talk will be followed by a question/answer and networking session.



5. NASA Elections

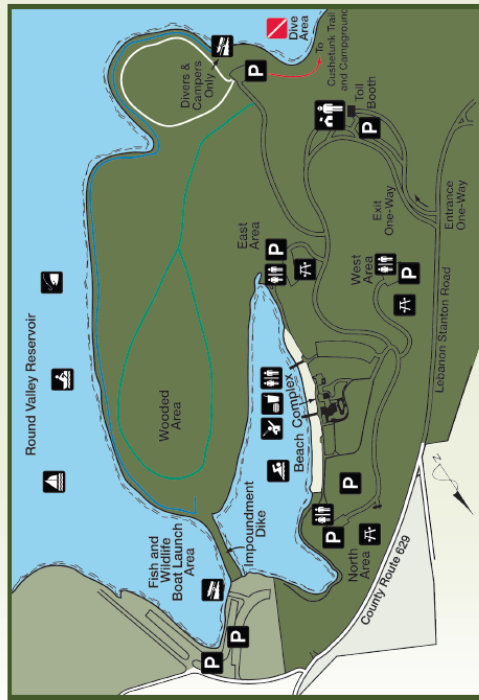
Elections will be held after this year's GBM. Dr. Y.N. Jayaram, former President of NASA, will be the Election Officer. All nominations should be sent to the Election Officer at his email address: yjayaram@yahoo.com.

ROUND VALLEY RECREATION AREA



LEGEND

Park Office	Boating	Restrooms
Parking	Swimming	Water Depths
Picnic	Shower	Restricted Area
Food	Wind Warning Lights	Hunterdon County Park System
Sailing	Wilderness Camping	
Boat Launch	Fishing	
Viewing Area	Div. of Fish and Wildlife	
Dive Area		



TRAIL LEGEND

	Cushetunk Trail
	Campground Trail
	Pine Tree Trail
	Hike & Bike Trail
	Water Trail

6. Community News

- NASA extends its heartiest congratulations to Aruna Viswanatha and Joydip Kundu on their marriage. All the best to the happy couple and to their families.
- The Akhila Brahmana Maha Sabha (AKBMS) has elected B.N.V. Subramanya as their president. NASA extends its congratulations to Mr. Subramanya.

7. Proposals to Amend the By-Laws of NASA

The proposals to amend the NASA By-Laws were presented along with the report of the By-Law Committee at the 2011 GBM. At that time, it was decided by the General Body that these proposals would be re-introduced this year after the General Body had time to review the material. Following this decision, the By-Law Amendments are being brought before the General Body again this year for a vote. For details of the proposals please refer to Chiguru Vol 28 No. 2 (June 2011) which is available online at www.sankethi.org. We have not reprinted them here to save paper and postage.

One conference call was held to discuss the proposals. A short discussion will be held prior to the vote at the GBM.

NASA 2012 Conference Registration Form

Friday, August 17 – Sunday, August 19

Family Name: _____

Home Address:

(Please make any corrections in the address label if required)

Number of Participants:

Adults (Ages 21+) _____ Young Adults (Ages 13-21) _____
Children (Ages 5-12) _____ Young Children (Age <5) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Expected Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____

Expected Departure Date: _____ Time: _____

Signature*:

** By registering for this event, you agree that NASA will not be held liable for injuries or damages, if any, received in connection with the July Annual Function.*

Payment: Please make checks payable to NASA Inc. per the following schedule and mail along with these completed forms to
NASA, Inc.
161 Natsisky Farm Road
South Windsor CT, 06074

Registration with rooms assumes double occupancy (two adults). If you are registering as a single adult, please indicate if you have a roommate preference. If you do not want to share with a roommate, please add \$75.00 for single occupancy.

Roommate Preference for Single Occupancy: _____

Registrations for children 18 and under are free but please add \$25 per child aged 3-12 towards activity fees and child care services. Children 18 and under are required to share a room with their parents. Thank you.

Full Program Registration:

- (1) Any person over the age of 18 and with double occupancy:
\$250 (**registrations received before 8/10/12**), \$275 (registrations received after **8/10/12**)
- (2) Temporary visitors and students from India: 50% of full registration rates provided above♦
- (3) Single occupancy: Add \$75.00 to the above amounts.

Partial Registration (arriving anytime Saturday or attendance with no rooms):

- (1) Any person over the age of 18 and with double occupancy:
\$175 (**registrations received before 8/10/12**), \$200 (registrations received after **8/10/12**)
- (2) Temporary visitors and students from India: 50% of partial registration rates provided above♦
- (3) Single occupancy: Add \$75.00 to the above amounts.

♦ Please call Keshava Kumar (860-648-9798; email kbkumar@cox.net; or Lalitha Hanasoge (917) 848-4071; email sah2101@gmail.com) if you need any travel assistance.

Please indicate your interest in participating in the following activities:

Community Service (1-2 hours to be scheduled during the program)

Rummy Tournament (adults, Friday 8/17/12)

Please indicate number of participants: _____

Children's Talent Showcase (Saturday 8/18/12)

Please indicate name of participants, age, and talent(s) to be shared/performed

Cultural Programs, Special Presentations, etc. (8/18/12, 8/19/12)

Please indicate name of participants and provide a brief description of the program, presentation, etc.

Young Children's activities

Please indicate names and ages of children

For questions regarding participation in any of these events, please contact our Event Coordinators:

High School Graduation (HGA) and College Graduation Award (CGA) Candidates:

Name: _____ Indicate HGA or CGA: _____

Person who will speak about the Candidate: _____

Name: _____ Indicate HGA or CGA: _____

Person who will speak about the Candidate: _____

NASA 2012 Sponsorship Form

We request your generous support for the NASA 2012 event. If you would like to sponsor any of the activities occurring at the NASA 2012 conference, please complete this form, make checks payable to NASA, Inc., and mail both to Keshava Kumar, 161 Natsisky Farm Road, South Windsor, CT 06074 . Please call at (860) 648-9798 (Email: kbkumar@cox.net) with any questions.

Name: _____

Home Address:

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Amount of Donation*: _____

*Your kind donation/sponsorship may be used to cover the costs of the following items/services. If you would like your donation to be used for a particular purpose listed here, please check the box next to the relevant items/services below. (Please note that it is not required to cover the full cost of any of the items, partial sponsorship is welcome)

- Snacks/Coffee/Tea/Cold Drinks/Fruits (\$500)
- Late Night Snacks (\$250)
- Dinner Friday 8/17/12 (\$500)
- Breakfast Saturday, Sunday (\$500 each day)
- Lunch Saturday, and Sunday (\$1000 each day)
- Dinner Saturday (\$1250 each day)
- Cultural Events/Activities (For complete or partial concert sponsorship please call Keshava Kumar)
- Children's Materials / Equipment (i.e., balloons, art supplies, games, sports equipment, moon bounce/climber) (\$300)
- Child Care / Babysitting Service (\$300)
- Other (*please specify:* _____)

Many thanks!!!

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