

## ੴ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ

Dear Sadh Sangat Ji,

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖਾਲਸਾ, ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫਤਹਿ ॥

The 20<sup>th</sup> Pittsburgh Kirtan Samelan will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2005 at 12 Noon at the Tri-State Sikh Cultural Society's Gurdwara. You are cordially invited to attend and participate in this Kirtan Samelan. You can participate in three age groups.

Junior Group	Over 6 and up to 12 years
Senior Group	Over 12 and up to 18 years
Collegiate Group	Full time College/University Student

Note: Each Society can send multiple Jathas for the same age group, provided each Jatha has minimum of 5(five) participants, without sharing participants among different Jathas. For any single Jatha a minimum of three participants are required.

Kindly provide me with the following information:

1. Your intention to participate August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005
2. Your Shabad August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005
3. Accommodation needs August 26<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your Sevdar,

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**TRI-STATE CULTURAL SIKH SOCIETY, PITTSBURGH, PA**

**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KIRTAN SAMELAN**

Name of your society: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Kirtan Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of your Kirtan Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Jathas Participating**

**Junior (6-12Years)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seniors (13-19Years)** \_\_\_\_\_

**College(20>Years)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shabad to recite:**

**Junior** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior** \_\_\_\_\_

**College** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you need overnight accommodation?**

**How many children and adults in the Jatha:**

**Please mail this information at the following address by August 5, 2005.**

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**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KIRTAN SAMELAN RULES**

1. Each group will recite only one Shabad.
2. The maximum time allotted for each Jatha will be 10 minutes.
3. A panel of Judges will evaluate the performance and their decision is final.
4. There are three age groups, a younger child can play in a older age group but one child can play only with one Jatha, otherwise points will be deducted.
  - Junior (6 to 12 years). A Child is not 13 years until the 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  - Senior (13 to 19 years)
  - College (20>Years as a full time college student)
5. No written material will be allowed.
6. Jathas are required to give the gist of the Shabad in Punjabi.
7. The Jathas should sing the Shabad in the same raga as of the Shabad for no point deduction. They can recite the Shabad in another raga by naming the raga first, for a deduction of five points.
8. There will be additional points awarded for playing instruments other than Harmonium and Tabla. Wind instruments like flute and clarinet etc. are not encouraged.
9. **Only Gurbani Kirtan will be Permitted.**
10. Each Gurudwara can send multiple Jathas for the same age group, provided each Jatha has minimum of 5 participants, without sharing participants among different Jathas. For a single Jatha a minimum of three participants are required.