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Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

If you know someone who is new to the community or is not receiving this newsletter, please let me know so I can add them to our distribution. We disseminate news to the community primarily through the newsletter and email.

Regards,

Anand Shah

(Secretary, JSCNC)

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1. Monthly Meeting

The community holds its monthly meetings at the Hindu Temple in Morrisville, NC.

We invite everyone to attend the monthly meetings.

We will be celebrating Father's Day in this meeting.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING
**No meeting this month in lieu of
Father's Day Picnic**

2. Announcements

Annual Picnic and Fathers' Day Celebration

The 2012 JSCNC committee is excited to announce continuation of this annual outdoor event. This year's picnic is combined with Father's day Celebration. We have an exciting fun-filled day planned with activities throughout the day (Volleyball, Frizbee, canoeing and hiking. We encourage everyone to bring your favorite group activity).

Where:

Beech Shelter - Lake County Crabtree Park
1400 Aviation Parkway
Morrisville, NC

Agenda

9:30 AM	Arrival	
10:00 AM	Breakfast	Gathia, Jalebi, tea/coffee/juice. Bagel/ Cream cheese for kids
1:00 PM	Lunch	
3:30 PM	Afternoon snack	Watermelon

Please RSVP by Jun 10th by visiting & providing your information at <http://www.jscnc.org/picnic2012.php>

Cost to attend (If RSVP by Jun 10th):

- Adult (>18): \$ 8.00
- Youth (11-18): \$6.00
- Kids (5-10): \$4.00
- Kids (< 5): Free

Cost to attend (After Jun 10th or At-the-Park):

- Adult (>18): \$ 10.00
- Youth (11-18): \$7.00

Mahavir Jayanti DVDs

As announced in the last newsletter and during the May monthly meeting, the full length Mahavir Jayanti DVDs are now available. This is a two DVD set that contains video of the entire Puja Program, Clutural Program & Pictures of both. The DVDs can be obtained from Mr. Harshad Shah. The cost of entire set is \$3. He will have several sets available for pick up during the upcoming father's day picnic (Jun 17th).

Contact info for Harshad Shah

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Additionally, we have an extended version available that can be created upon request. The extended version is longer and has additional footage from the programs. If you would like to get a copy of the extended version, please contact Anand Shah (anand2.shah@gmail.com).

JAINA Teachers' National Conference - May 25, 2012 - May 28, 2012

The primary objective of this conference is to have group discussions on Pathshala Education Material, Teaching Methodology, and tracking system. Participants will be divided into groups based on their interest and expertise. There are working sessions with very little or no lectures. This conference is designed for Jain Pathshala in North America and other Pathshalas which follow a similar format.

JSCNC arranged for both of our pathshala teachers Mrs. Rita Lodaya & Mrs. Sejal Shah to participate and represent Jain Study Center of NC. By attending these sessions, our pathshala teachers will further expand their domain and will learn valuable techniques by collaborating with other teachers.

We are planning a session led by pathshala teachers in one of the upcoming Jain Meetings so they can share with the community their experience.

Mother's Day Celebration

Mother's day celebration was combined with the monthly meeting (May 20). The lunch was sponsored by Mr. Ramnik and Mrs. Lata Zota. Thanks to Mr. Pratyush Mehta for co-ordinating the lunch and lining up all the 'Dads' for all the preparations.

3. Upcoming Activities

This JSCNC 2012 calendar is online. Please visit <http://www.jscnc.org> and click Events. The calendar has the most up-to-date listing of all confirmed activities for the year. All the tithis (Lunar Days) are also posted on the online calendar.

Swadhyay - twice a week - Contact Mr. Harshad Shah

Mahavir Puja - once a week - Contact Mrs. Rekha Banker

4. Pathshala Corner

JSCNC Pathshala serves our young kids to instill spiritual development, self-awareness and promote Jain identity in individuals, based on the principles of Jainism. The teachers pay special attention to the needs of young and older groups and have structured curriculum as such.

The Paathshala classes take place every first Sunday of the month from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Hindu Temple Cultural Hall AND on 3rd Sundays during the monthly meeting. If you plan to attend and/or need more information, please call Mrs. Rita Lodaya or Mrs. Sejal Shah. Paathshala e-mail address is JSCNCpathshala@yahoo.com.

Sign-in/Sign-out Process

I wanted to remind everyone that children's safety is our utmost concern. Our pathshala attendance continues to grow. All pathshala classes are held on safe premises of Hindu Center, however there is considerable traffic in the parking lot. To help pathshala teachers maintain order and keep everyone safe, we are asking all the parents **to sign in and sign out** their kids - irrespective of the age of their child - during the 1st Sunday pathshala. We request very basic information (Who, When and emergency contact). We will use this process for all future youth activities. The goal of this process is to balance convenience and children's safety.

Please continue to follow this process. It is important to cooperate with the teachers for the safety of your children.

6. Supporting our center

You can support our Center by:

- Becoming a member if you are not already: Please print a form from our website: <http://jscnc.org/docs/MembershipForm.doc>, complete it and mail it by following instructions
- By making a generous donation for Education Fund or Jiv Daya or Mahavir Jayanti or general donation. Follow this link to <http://jscnc.org/HowToMakeADonation.php> to learn how to make a donation.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Anand Shah

(Secretary, JSCNC)