



**UPASNA**

*Preserve the Culture ♦ Secure the Language ♦ Serve the Community*

**Uttareeya Pradesh Antarashtriya Samiti of North America**

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**Membership Package**

'UPASNA' - Uttareeya Pradesh Antarashtriya Samiti of North America, translates to International Association of North Indian States of North America, is the largest North Indian non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization in North America.

### *Mission*

- Preserve and promote the cultural & social heritage of north Indian (Hindi speaking) states of Bharat (Republic of India).
- Encourage its members to actively engage in philanthropic activities.
- Foster friendship and understanding among the people from Indian subcontinent of different linguistic and geographical territories.

### *Objective*

- UPASNA shall promote friendly international relations and understanding of united India through educational, charitable and cultural activities.
- UPASNA shall serve and fulfill the educational, cultural, and social needs of Indian Diaspora.
- UPASNA shall coordinate and cooperate with other community organizations in programs and activities of mutual interest.

## **UPASNA Scholar Development Committee (USDC)**

Consisting of distinguished educators and professionals. UPASNA initiated a unique and proactive program in order to not only recognizing and rewarding young students of Indian origin in the U. S. by not only offering them scholarships but also developing their potentials and capabilities for becoming scholars at earlier stages of secondary schooling. We realized that it is important to identify and promote talents among our children at an early age as they are complete elementary education so that they become successful and productive citizens.

## UPASNA's Scholar Development Program consists of the following stages:

- **Recognize Talents Early On:** Identify brilliance and talents among children by the time they are about 10 years old through competitive testing and searching for distinguished ability for excellence in reading, writing, mathematics, arts, and general knowledge.
- **Emphasize Encouragement to Excel:** With involvement of parents, arrange meetings and advisement for promoting distinguished qualities in our children enrolled in middle and high schools. For example, children must realize that mediocrity in performance **WILL NOT** help in the long run; criteria for excellence **CAN BE** identified and accomplished; opportunities for excellence, such as involvement in extra-curricular activities, **CAN BE** found; and distinctions in grades and required tests (for example SAT & ACT) **CAN BE** achieved. Skills for becoming focused attention to academic work (overcoming diffused attention spans) **CAN BE** possible through parents' involvement and appropriate intervention.
- **Provide Avenues for Effective Selection of Resources of Higher Education:** Arrange one seminar in a year consistently, in March and one quiz in September, so parents and young students are provided information and options for colleges and universities in order that they make suitable and effective choices.
- **Reward Distinction:** Provide awards and scholarships every year for middle school as well as high school graduations through objective criteria and competitive processes.

## UPASNA Sangeet Samiti (USS)

- UPASNA Sangeet Samiti (USS) is an integral part of a UPASNA. USS provides opportunities whereby local, fun-loving musicians meet, practice, & fine tune their skills. USS is NOT a karaoke group – rather, it is run like a school guided by an instructor & participants are given assignments to practice for improving their musical skills. The artists / participants volunteer their time and enjoy performing at various public and private events through-out the DFW metropolis. Few noted events where USS has performed are Dallas India Lions Club, Anand Bazar, Holi and Diwali. Participation is on voluntary basis as no money is paid to the participants for their performances. However, like any other organization, USS also requires funds to operate and therefore accepts any donations.
- Maybe you had music as a subject in your High School or College days or maybe, you were an accomplished musician yourself a few years ago but have not had time to keep up with your skills due to other priorities in life. Well, brush that dust off your musical instrument and/ or warm up your vocal cords! Overcome your hesitation and pursue your musical passion.

## UPASNA Kala Samiti (UKS)

- UPASNA Kala Samiti (UKS) is an upcoming samiti under UPASNA. It involves enthusiast from the field of dance and drama. Committee works with kids and adults who have passion for either dance or drama.
- They practice and show case their talents at various events throughout the metropolis. Committee also partner with other local similar interest organizations and pro-mote team building spirit by preforming and inviting artist from various organizations and also performing at their events.

## UPASNA Care Samiti (UCS)

- UPASNA Care Samiti's (UCS) objective is to help UPASNA members, the Indian community in US, and the underserved segments of population in both India and US.
  - **Kids:** UCS provides a platform (with other relevant organizations) for UPASNA kids to benefit the underprivileged kids in US by mentoring/tutoring them, and in turn benefiting from the experience.
  - **Young adults:** UCS fosters an environment for meaningful and safe interaction between young adults of UPASNA heritage (members or non-members) looking for companionship and life partners.
  - **Elders:** UCS connects elderly (UPASNA members or non-members) with others in their age group and with younger generation to tackle the loneliness epidemic.
  - **All:** UCS arranges yoga, meditation, etc. programs for UPASNA members to enhance overall wellbeing.
  - **Charity:** Oversee all charity activities in UPASNA, (UPASNA contributes in kind; no monetary contributions.)
    - Partner with other local and international charity organizations for charity events.
    - Conduct food, clothes, shelter, etc. aid activities for poor and suffering, both in India and US.

# UPASNA Events/Initiatives

- ❖ *आओ सिखारं अपनी कला संस्कृति और इतिहास – Let's teach our Art, Culture and History*
  - ❖ *USS (UPASNA Sangeet Samiti) & UKS (UPASNA Kala Samiti)*
    - *Focuses on Art, Culture & History development through various programs :*
      - *Indian Culture (भारतीय संस्कृति): Promote Indian music and instruments.*
      - *Tradition (परंपरा): Debate and Quiz programs on Indian epics, culture etc.*
      - *Knowledge (ज्ञान): Creating platform to share knowledge in different fields such as language, art, science and math.*
      - *Teaching and importance of rituals through social gathering*
- ❖ *आओ सवारें अपनों का भविष्य – Let's improve our dear ones future*
  - ❖ *USDC (UPASNA Scholars Development Committee)*
    - *provides College Guidance and carrier counseling through seminars and one to one interaction with college professors and various professionals.*
- ❖ *दान पुण्य का आयोजन- Organizing Charities*



# UPASNA Events/Initiatives

- ❖ *आओ मान्यारँ अपने त्योहार अपनों के साथ – Let's celebrate our festival with our dear ones*
  - ❖ *Dussehra Milan*
  - ❖ *Holika Dahan & Rango Ka Milan – Holi Milan*
  
- ❖ *आओ दिखाएँ अपना बचपन – Let's show our Childhood*
  - ❖ *Day Picnic with Indian Games – Let's show our Childhood*
  
- *आओ मिलकर नाचे गाये और खुशियां मनाएं – Let's Dance, sing and celebrate together*
  - ❖ *Celebrate UPASNA Annual Day focusing on bringing the community together.*

# UPASNA DAY

*Just like the vibrant colors of a rainbow lighten up the entire sky, the multitude facets of Sangeet, Sahitya & Kala of India enchants & unifies all Indians living abroad.*

*UPASNA DAY (DFW) is an attempt to further resonate this wonderful blend of Literature, Culture & Music in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.*

*It is a day of learning, socializing, celebration, networking & top-notch entertainment – for all the members of your family- adults & your young ones, too.*

# Membership Benefits

- *Children Development and Counseling: Various career and college admission counseling sessions to support the Scholarship filing, school & course selection, organized by USDC.*
- *Community Development: Organize and participate in community function & events,*
- *UCS (UPASNA CARE SAMITI) provide platform to contribute in Charitable causes and other community development*
- *Personal & Social Development: Provide platform, resources and guidance to help and nurture personal and social bonding.*
- *Priority/reserved/Discounted Tickets in all UPASNA events .*

# Membership Benefits

- *Merchandise Discounts: Discounts in Restaurants, Grocery Stores, Auto Repair and other outlets.*
- *Sangeet and kala sessions: Arranged by USS to promote Indian music.*
- *Leadership Development: Opportunity to serve in Executive Committee for Life time members, Spokesperson for the Community, Responsibility to engage & onboard Sponsors.*
- *Discounted VIP entry for Members on UPASNA Events.*
- *UPASNA Membership Fee:*
  - **Membership - Life (Family/ Single) : \$300.00**
  - **Membership - Yearly (Family/ Single) : \$100.00/50.00**

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# UPASNA Calendar-2017

- UPASNA DAY : 8th April
- PICNIC DAY : MAY
- DUSSEHRA MILAN : 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER
- UCS (UPASNA CARE SAMITI) : As per program schedule
- ANNUAL BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER

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