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A Newsletter From IndUS of Fox Valley

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IndUS Pre-Teen Day Camp: A Great Success

A day long camp for kids in the age group 6-12 years was held on Saturday, February 22, 2003. The camp held at Memorial Building, Menasha, and was attended by fourteen children of diverse ethnic backgrounds. Besides craft and games the campers were treated to several interesting presentations: Ms. May Dia on *Hmong Culture*; Ms. Richa and Mr. Prateek Mehrotra on *Indian Mythology*; and a hands-on exploratory workshop on *The Physics of Toys* by Ms. Ruth Mansukhani were the highlights of the day. Children were happy to learn about diverse cultures.

The day ended with a pizza dinner and an entertainment program put together by the children to entertain their parents. IndUS thanks all the presenters, parents and the campers.

Our special thanks go out to Dr, Sandhya Sridhar, Ms. Kamal Varma, and Ms. Sajjida Shariff who organized the camp.

Encouraged by the success of the first two years we are considering the magnitude and scope of the camp next year. Please send your suggestions to Sandhya Sridhar at sandhya@silver.sl.edu or call her at (920) 749-4911.

Farewell, Dear Heroes!

IndUS pays homage to the crew of Columbia, the magnificent seven men and women who laid down their lives in pursuit of knowledge and adventure!

You will be the role models for generations to come!



IndUS is Involved!!

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebrations



IndUS cosponsored area celebrations recognizing the memory and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Over 500 people attended the Appleton event at Lawrence University. At the event, held on January 20, 2003, at University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, IndUS was happy to contribute toward prizes for essay contest winners.

Help Us Send Medical Aid

IndUS has joined hands with the Rotary Club of Appleton to help pack and send medical supplies to the needy in Southern Africa and Malawi, East Timor, Jamaica, Russia and Afghanistan refugees. You can help us pack. We have slots open for you, from 6:30-8:00 p.m, on March 25, May 27, July 29 or Sept 30. If you like to volunteer, please contact Dr. Ram Shet at 722-2001 for more details.

IndUS Outreach Activities at Area Schools

Dr. B. S. Sridhar made two presentations entitled "Understanding India" at Appleton North and West High Schools, on January 30, 2003. He was an invited speaker at the annual Global Awareness Week celebrations.

Ms. Ruth Mansukhani, Ms. Ashi Tannan, and Ms. Kadambari Karandikar visited the global cooking class at the invitation of Ms. Deb Garbe, Family and Consumer Education Department of the Neenah

High School.

The IndUS team helped students learn how to cook a simple Indian meal of vegetables, dal, rice, raita, and pappadams followed by a dessert of ice cream with mango pulp!

The students enjoyed the food as well as the opportunity to ask questions about life in India and the cultural differences between the two countries



IndUS Volunteer Recognition Dinner!

IndUS volunteers were recognized for their generous contributions in terms of time and talents toward various programs and activities. Fifty volunteers and their families came together for the celebration on

Saturday, January 11, 2003. The party was organized around the theme of Beach Party. IndUS thanks Sandhya and Sridhar, and Ritu and Dilip Tannan for hosting the recognition dinner.

IndUS Programs Ahead: Mark Your Calendars!

IndUS joins University of Wisconsin Oshkosh to celebrate Asian Heritage Month. Following events are open to public and admission is free.

The Kick Off on April 2, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. at Albee Hall, will feature foods and dances of Asia.

Dances of India and Asia on April 12, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. at Fredric March Experimental Theater by Asian Pacific Dance Group of Madison.

Mitr (A friend), a critically acclaimed Indian movie, with English subtitles, on Friday, April 18, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at Reeve Union Theater.

On Wednesday, April 16, IndUS will participate in the Diversity Fair organized by Hilbert Schools at Community Center, Hilbert. The fair will run from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

On Thursday, May 1, 2003, IndUS will collaborate with Leadership Fox Cities and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Appleton to organize an interactive program to promote cultural awareness.

On Friday, May 16, 2003, IndUS will take part in the "Diversity Fair" at Neenah High School. The daylong event features dance, music, arts, crafts, and food from diverse cultures.

IndUS-2003 Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 8 at Lawrence University. We welcome volunteers to join us in planning!

India Association NEW	
Dates to Note!	
May 10 2:00 p.m.	Talent Show UW Fox Valley
August 16 2:00 p.m.	Annual Picnic
September 26	Octoberfest at Appleton
November 15 2:00 p.m.	Children's Day

How to become an IndUS Member? Please complete the form below, tear along the dotted line and mail it with your check! As simple as that!!

Annual Membership Dues

(Per calendar year)

Please select your preferred category of membership and place an "X" in the appropriate box.

- Individual Member \$ 10.00
- Family Member \$ 20.00
- Benefactor \$ 100.00 to \$ 499.00
- Patron \$ 500.00 or more
- Any Donation \$
- Total \$

Please make a check payable to IndUS of Fox Valley and mail it to: IndUS, 3600 North Shawnee Avenue, Appleton, WI 54914.

Join the IndUS Team!

Please furnish the following information:

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
E-mail	
Would you like to volunteer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes! Please contact me! <input type="checkbox"/> No. Not now.

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Indo-American
friendship and
goodwill.....*

*IndUS is a
non-profit organization under
Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS
Code*

About Our Organization...

IndUS aspires to be *to* be a dynamic, creative organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the community through social, cultural, educational and charitable activities.

The goals of IndUS are to:

- ❖ Promote Indo-American friendship and goodwill by involving people from the area communities.

- ❖ Promote and fund social, cultural and educational activities, which improve mutual understanding and appreciation.

- ❖ Encourage, support and fund charitable work to assist and empower the needy.

Please join IndUS and support us with your talent. For membership information, please see inside.

Annual General Body Meeting And Semi Annual Board Meeting

The Annual General Body (AGB) discussion of the establishment if a Meeting of IndUS is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., at Clow Classroom 237 at University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. This is a non-election year.

A Semi-Annual Meeting of the IndUS Board will precede the AGB at 2:00 p.m. Members are invited to attend both meetings. The agenda includes presentation of annual report, annual accounts and

A Gentle Reminder!

Would you please renew your membership of IndUS? If you are not a member yet, would you please consider becoming one?

Please complete the membership form inside and mail it to us today!!

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