



# *Global Akhanda Bhajans*

*2014*

Theme

*Expansion is My Life –  
Love is the Path. Love is life.*

*Expansion is My Life – Love is the Path. Love is life.*

**When :**

**Nov 8th 5:15PM to**

**Nov 9th 6:00PM**

**Chanting and Meditation before  
Bhajans :**

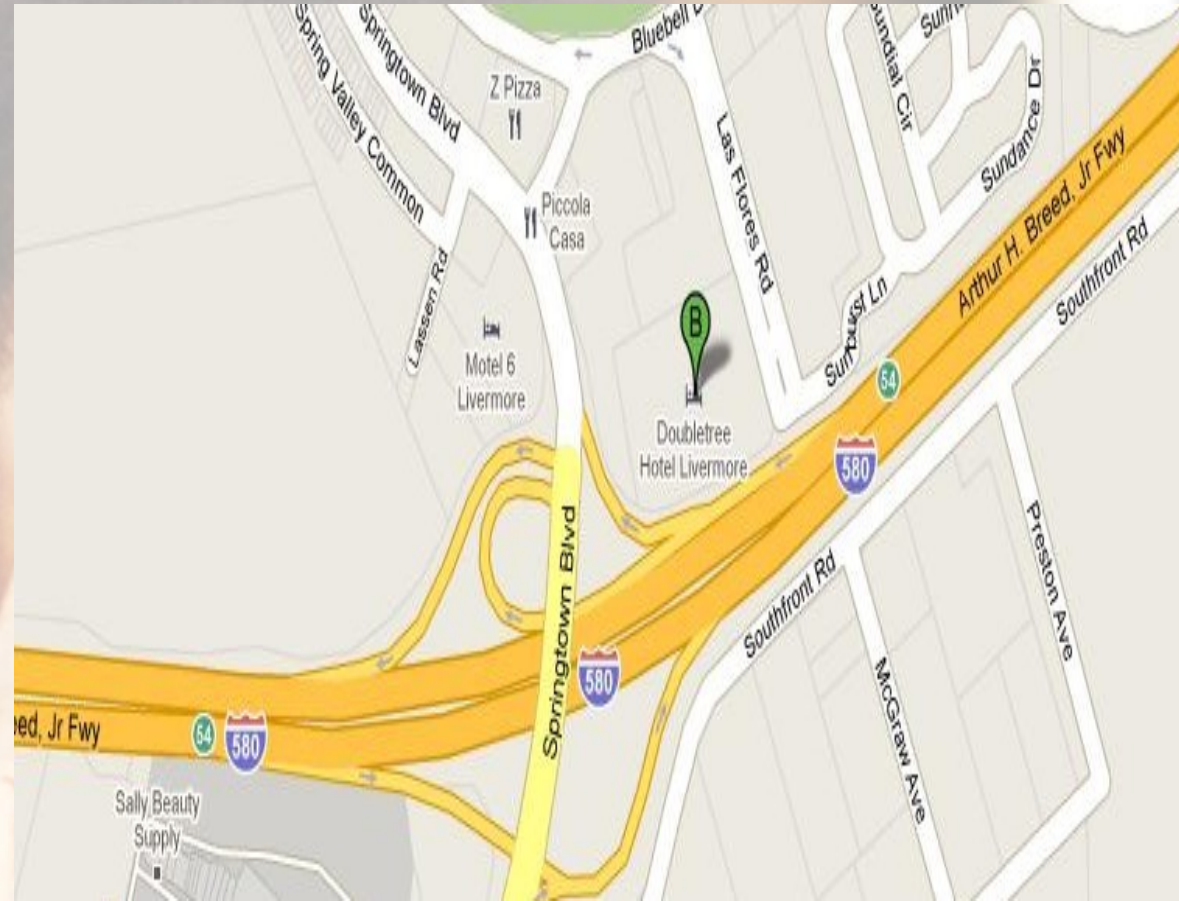
**5:15PM to 6PM**

**Seating Starts at 5:00PM**

*Expansion is My Life – Love is the Path. Love is life.*

**Where:**

**Double Tree, Livermore,  
720 Las Flores Rd,  
Livermore, CA - 94551**





## *Topics Covered*

- Accommodations
- Devotion
- SSE
- Service
- Food
- Volunteer
- Do's and Don'ts

## *Accommodations*

- Group Discount may not be available after October 25, 2014

Room Type	Rate after <b>10/25/2014</b>
Double (2 beds)	\$85+ (TBD)
King (1 bed)	\$85
King (Deluxe-Includes Microwave and Refrigerator)	\$89

- Please visit website for registration details
- Direct reservations- **925-443-4950**;
- Toll-free reservations- **1-800-222-TREE**

# *Devotion*

Saturday

Multi-Faith / Sri Rudram	5:15 - 5:50 PM
Meditation / Silent Sitting	5:50 - 6 :00 PM
GAB Unity Session - Individual Singers	6:00 - 7:30 PM
SSE Regional [ Stockton, Pleasanton, Concord, Sacramento, Modesto ]	7:30 - 9:15 PM
Sacramento Center	9:15 - 10:15 PM
Modesto	10:15 - 10:45 PM
Pleasanton Center	10:45 - 12:00 PM

# *Devotion*

Sunday

Concord	12:00 - 1:00 AM
San Francisco	1:00 - 1:30 AM
Unison English	1:30 - 1:45 AM
Young Adults	1:45 – 3:15 AM
Special GAB	3:15 – 4:15 AM
Peninsula Center	4:15 – 5:15 AM
Suprabatham	5:15 – 5:45 AM
CSJ	5:45 – 6:45 AM
Fremont	6:45 – 7:45 AM
Oakland	7:45 – 8:05 AM

# *Devotion*

Sunday

GAB Unity Session	8:05 – 8:30 AM
SSE Regional [Peninsula, Fremont, San Jose, Oakland ]	8:30 - 9:45 AM
San Jose	9:45 - 10:30 AM
SSE Regional [ CSJ, Elk Grove ]	10:30 - 12:05 PM
Fresno	12:05 – 12:45 PM
Stockton	12:45 - 1:45 PM
Elk Grove	1:45 - 2:45 PM
CSJ	2:45 - 3:45 PM
Unison	3:45 - 4 PM
GAB Unity Session - Individual Singers	4 - 5:30 PM
Rapid Sequence / Closing Prayers	5:30 - 6:00 PM



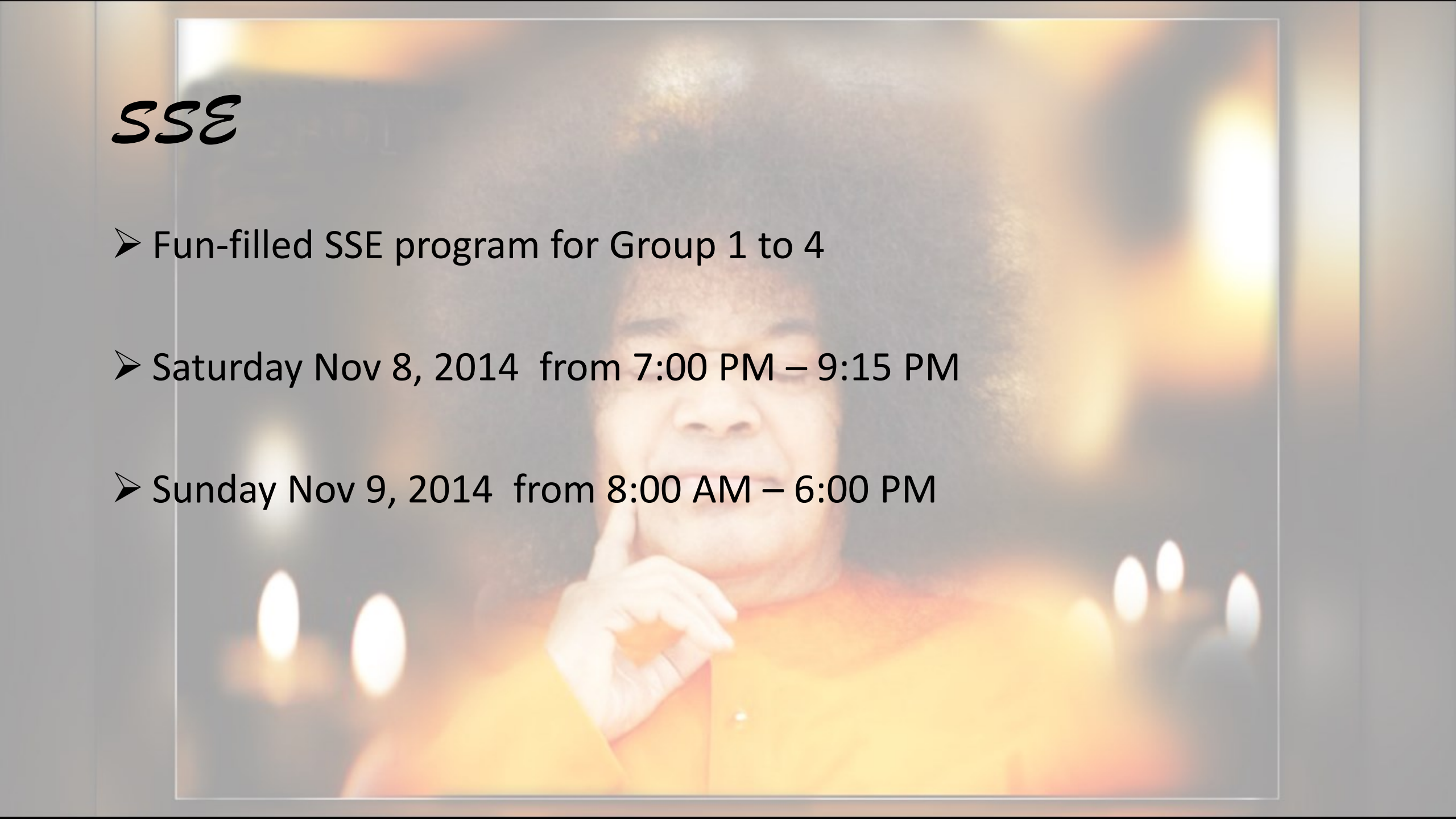


## *Devotion*

- Please follow guidelines that have already been communicated to Center Devotion Coordinators.
- Please be present in the bhajan hall at least one hour ahead of your center slot and one hour after the center slot.
- Musicians - Please tune your instruments ahead of your center slot outside of the bhajan hall.

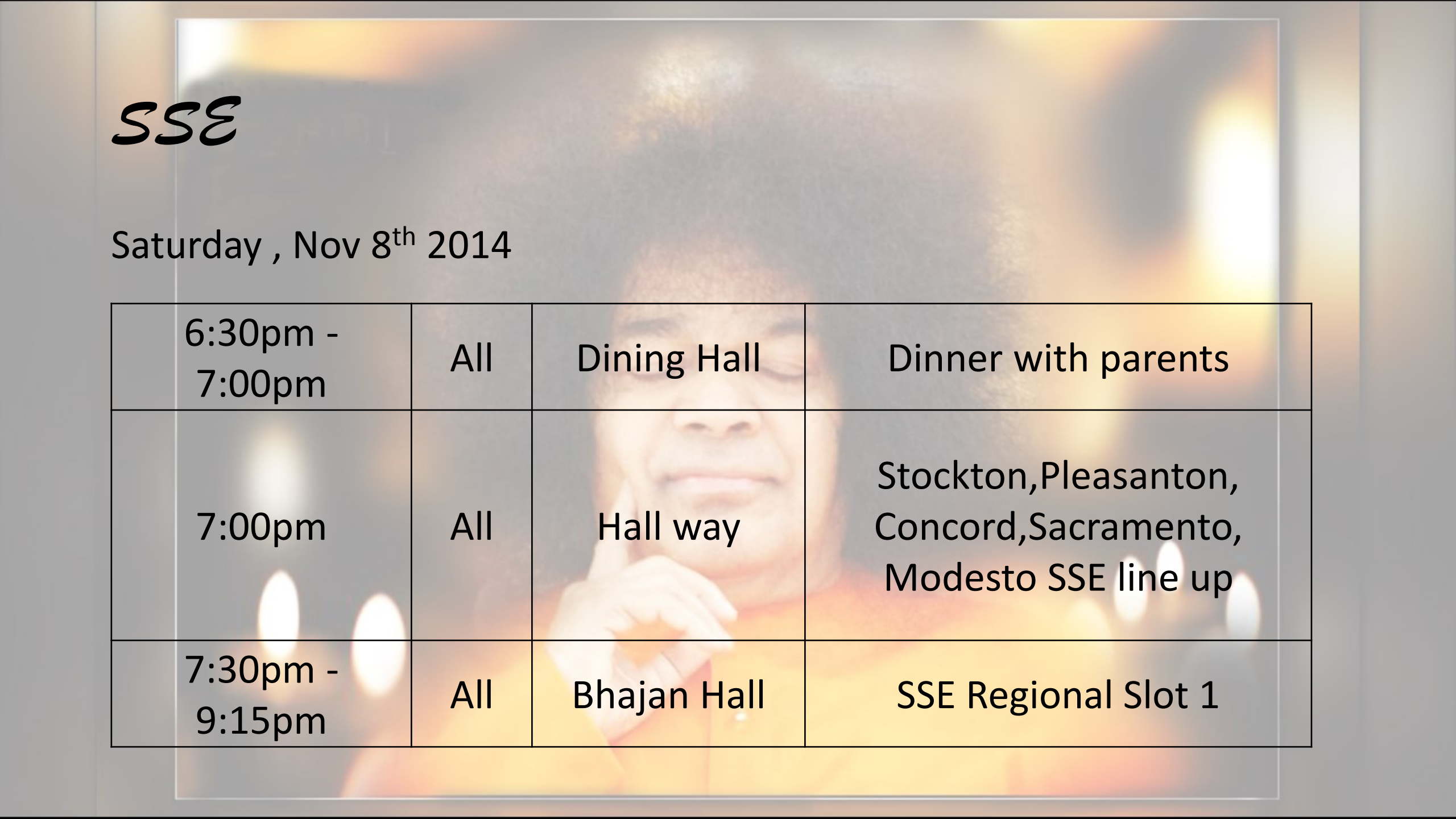
## *Devotion Team*

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# *SSE*

- Fun-filled SSE program for Group 1 to 4
- Saturday Nov 8, 2014 from 7:00 PM – 9:15 PM
- Sunday Nov 9, 2014 from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

The background of the entire page is a soft-focus photograph of a person with dark hair, wearing a red and orange garment, sitting in a meditative pose with their hands resting on their knees. In the foreground, several lit candles are visible, creating a warm, glowing atmosphere. The person's eyes are closed, and they have a serene expression.

*SSE*

Saturday , Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 2014

6:30pm - 7:00pm	All	Dining Hall	Dinner with parents
7:00pm	All	Hall way	Stockton, Pleasanton, Concord, Sacramento, Modesto SSE line up
7:30pm - 9:15pm	All	Bhajan Hall	SSE Regional Slot 1

# SSE

Sunday, Nov 9th 2014

7:30am - 8:00am	All	Dining Hall	Breakfast with parents
8:00am	Bhajan Leaders	Hall way	Peninsula, Fremont, San Jose, Oakland SSE line up
8:30am - 9:45am	All	Bhajan Hall	SSE Regional Slot 2
9:45 am	All	Room No. 218	Registration for the children not in Bhajan hall
10:00am	Bhajan Leaders	Hallway	CSJ, Elk Grove SSE line up

# SSE

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 2014

10:00am - 11.30am	Group 2,3,4	Conference Room	Jewelry Making
	All	Bridal Room 222	Sketching, Story telling
10:30am- 12:05 noon	All	Bhajan Hall	SSE Regional Slot- 3
11:30am - 12:15noon	All	Dining Hall	Lunch for children not in Bhajan Hall
12:05pm - 12:45pm	All	Dining Hall	Lunch with parents for regional slot 3
12:15 pm -1:00 PM	All	Bridal Room 222	Game (Charades on Religion)

# SSE

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 2014

12:45pm	All	Room No. 218	Registration for the children not yet registered
1:00pm - 2:30pm	All	Bridal Room 222	Talk by guest speaker
2:30pm - 3:00pm	All	Dining Hall	Snacks
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Group 2,3,4	Bridal Room 222	Empowering Meditation
	Sai Nursery, Group 1	Lunch room	Art Project

*SSS*

Sunday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 2014

4:00pm to 5:00pm	Group 2,3,4	Conference	Jewelry making (Service project)
	Sai Nursery, Group 1	Bridal Room 222	Puppet Show
5:00pm - 6:00pm	All	Overflow room	Closing Bhajans
6:00 PM	All	Dining Hall	Parents pick up children



# *SSE Team*

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# *Service*

## *“NEW” - Blanket, Towel and Toys Drive for Tri-City Animal Shelter*

The Tri-City Animal Shelter is responsible for protecting lost and injured animals in our communities as well as providing a safe haven for adoptable pets.

Items In Need :

- New Blankets and Sheets - Any Size
- New Towels - Any Size
- New Durable Cat Toys
- New Durable Dog Toys
- Cat Litter
- Gift Cards from pet store (Pet Food Express or PetSmart or Petco) so they can be able to buy it themselves

We plan to collect and donate these items.

We request the center service coordinator or a center representative to collect all contributions at the center-level and bring it to GAB venue. We will have a collection place (Vans) and specific time to drop off the material.



## *Service*

*Donate SAI Books to share with public libraries and Sai center libraries*

- Collect and donate SAI books to public libraries, where welcomed. The books collected will also serve our devotees through center libraries.
- We request devotees to donate books about Sathya Sai Baba, related to Sathya Sai Baba and/or written by Sathya Sai Baba. Please make special note to donate books that are in good condition and for the public libraries, books that will appeal to a western audience.
- We request the center service coordinator or a center representative to collect all contributions at the center-level and bring it to GAB venue.

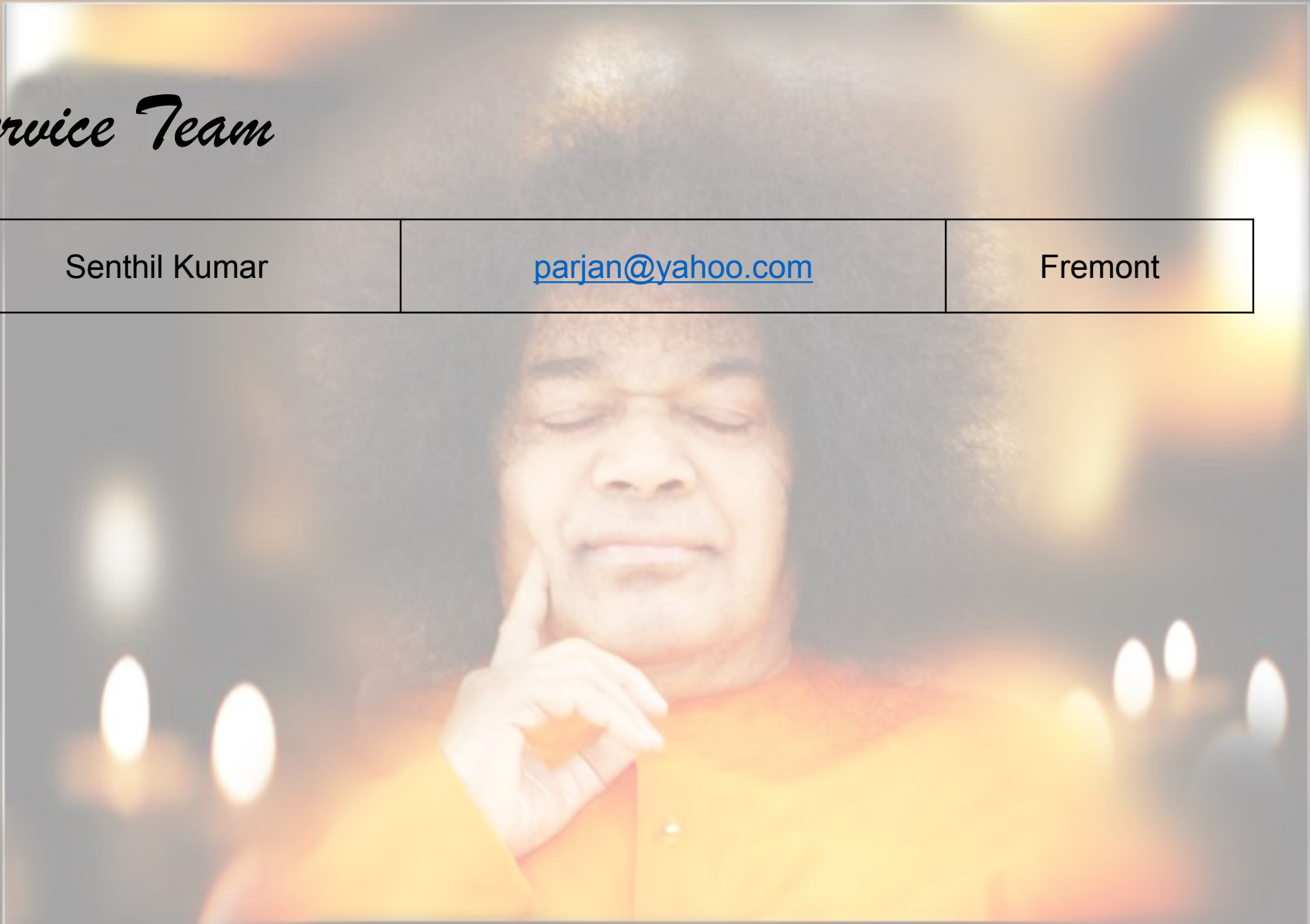
## *Service*

### *Medical Supplies Drive for Ashland Free Medical Clinic*

- The Ashland Free Medical Clinic (AFMC) provides free medical care for low income people who do not have health insurance. They provide non-emergency care for both acute and chronic conditions. The clinic is staffed by volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners and other support staff. The clinic (<http://www.afmconline.org/>) operates on Saturday mornings from 8:00am - 12 noon for adults and Wednesday evenings 6:00pm - 8:00pm for Pediatric patients. AFMC provides medications and supplies to patients, free of charge.
- In preparation for Global Akhanda Bhajans (GAB), we are hosting a medical supplies drive to support AFMC.
- Please check [www.region7saicenters.org/gab/service.html](http://www.region7saicenters.org/gab/service.html) for more details

# *Service Team*

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# *Food*

## **Saturday Dinner**

- 06:30 – 07:00 PM (SSE children & Seniors)
- 07:00 – 09:30 PM (Everyone)

## **Sunday Breakfast**

- 06:00 – 08:30 AM (Everyone)

## **Sunday Lunch**

- 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM (SSE children & Seniors)
- 12:15 – 01:30 PM (Everyone)

## *Instructions for Food drop-off :*

- Please drop off food prasad at the dining hall door that can be accessed from the parking lot.
- Please **do not** carry the food into the lobby or drop off at the dining hall via the lobby. This recommendation is to respect the etiquette of Double Tree and not to disrupt their daily workflow.
- Please let one of the food team co-leads know about your drop off.
- **Please do not drop off any prasad that has not been requested or is not part of the menu.**

# Food Team

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## *Volunteering at GAB*

The various volunteer opportunities open for sign-up are:

- **Prayer Hall Setup**
- **Dining Hall Setup**
- **Usher - Lobby**
- **Usher - Bhajan hall**
- **Prasad Distribution**
- **Clean-up**

We request devotees to sign-up for **at least two hours of continuous service.**

The sign-up sheet is available with your center service coordinators.

## *Volunteering at GAB*

- The GAB team is looking for additional volunteers to help out during the event.
- Please sign up via the link : <http://region7saicenters.org/gab/signups.html> or contact the volunteering team.



## *Volunteer Team*

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# *Do's and Don't's*

## *Do's*

- In case of diet restrictions, kindly make your own arrangements
- Parents of SSE children are sincerely requested to keep their children with them at all times when they are not part of the SSE program.
- Only those instrumentalists who have practiced with singers at center or regional practices are requested to play instruments at GAB.
- Please bring your own cushion for sitting in the Bhajan hall (if you need).



# *Do's and Don'ts*

## ***Don'ts***

- Avoid assembling in groups and socializing in lobby and hallways
- Avoid lingering in Dining Hall and Socializing after Dinner/Breakfast/Lunch. Please make room for others.

