

AKKA WKC 2010 Meravanige/Procession



MERAVANIGE: Many elements may be used to make a Meravanige more significant than just "people walking in the same direction". Meravanige has played a prominent part in the previously held AKKA with festive surrounding representing our culture. India is a fascinating land of many religions, traditions, arts and cultures. There are many festivals that have their own regional flavor. These Festivals have and will pave the way for national integration. This time for the AKKA WKC 2010 we would like to have our Meravanige theme "Nammoora Habba" representing the festivals of India. We would like the Meravanige to be lead by the kids of individual Kannada Koota with assistance from the adults and adult participation.

- ❁ Meravanige Committee has come up with a list of festivals from which each Kannada Koota can select one Festival and showcase its historical importance and display the way it is celebrated.
- ❁ We have provided web site links for each Festival. It will help you in understanding the Festival's significance and how it is celebrated. You can enhance it with your own creative ideas.
- ❁ From the WKC 2010 Meravanige Themes Spreadsheet on Pages 3 to 6:
 - Select any two of the Festivals from the list.
 - Email your two choices to the Meravanige Committee indicating your 1st preference along with your Meravanige Coordinator Contact information – Name, Phone Number, and E mail address.
- ❁ Selected Festival will be assigned on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. A change will be considered only if it is not already assigned to another Kannada Koota.
- ❁ Weather permitting, Meravanige will start from a gathering point outside the Raritan Convention Center and wind its way to the front entrance. At the front entrance each Kannada Koota will get 2 minutes to perform / showcase the selected Festival in front of the gathered dignitaries before proceeding indoors and wind its way into the main auditorium. We would like each Kannada Koota to encourage participation by the kids.
- ❁ We would like each Kannada Koota to create a colorful poster with the Koota name, Festival Name and the Description of the festival. We will be displaying these posters at the convention center during the 3 days of the event. Following are some of the suggestions that you could use to make Meravanige more colorful and interesting.

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- A special **mode of transport**, such as a ceremonial **barge**, elephant **howdah**, horse drawn **carriage**, or a **palanquin** carried on the shoulders of others (Models to represent the above)
- **Music**, including everything from the songs, dialogues, **marching band**.
- **Bearers** of **banners**, fans, **icons**, treasure, or other eye-catching items
- **Skilled performers**, such as acrobats or dancers.
- Special **costumes**. Traditionally, the costumes of the place or festival,
- Special **lighting** and decorations.

Let us all put our mind and heart into this time AKKA Meravanige and make it a real festive atmosphere representing the richness and grandness of our festivals. Together we will have fun and let the crowd at home in our New Jersey thousands of miles away from India. We kindly request all Kannada Kootas of America to actively participate to make AKKA Meravanige 2010 a memorable event and grand success.

Meravanige Committee Contact Information

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Meravanige Themes: Festivals, Jayanthis and Jatras

	<u>Meravanige Themes</u>	<u>Assigned Kannada Koota</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Contact Details</u>
1.	Sankranthi	Toronto Kannada Sangha	<u>Mrs.Padma Jangamakote</u>	<u>pjangamakote@gmail.com</u> 905-997-6750
2.	Vasantha Panchami			
3.	Mahadeswara Utsava			
4.	Shivrathri			
5.	Holi Hunnime - Kamana Habba			
6.	Rathasaptami			
7.	Ugadhi	<u>New England Kannada Koota</u>	Nikhila	<u>nikhila_b@yahoo.com</u>
8.	Ramanavami			
9.	Naagara Panchami			
10.	Varamahalaskshmi Vratha			
11.	Krishna Janmashtami	<u>Triveni</u>	Smt. Bharathi Sena	<u>bharathisena@gmail.com</u> , phone: (856) 778-0278
12.	Swarna Gowri Vratha			
13.	Ganesh Chathurthi	<u>Mallige Kannada Balaga of West Virginia</u>	<u>Shobha Murthy</u>	304-343-8565 <u>shobhamurthy2010@gmail.com</u>
14.	Dasara: Durgashtami			
15.	Dasara: Bombe Habba	<u>Kaveri Kannada Sangha</u>	<u>Guru Nagaraj</u>	<u>MYSORE2@GMAIL.COM</u> Phone : 703-930-1341
16.	Dasara: Saraswathi Puja			
17.	Dasara: Mahanavami			
18.	Dasara: Ayudha Puja	<u>Vidyaranya Kannada Kuta</u>	<u>Satish</u>	Vice President <u>vicepresident@vidyaryanyakannadakuta.org</u>
19.	Dasara Jumbo savari-Mysore style	<u>Brindavana</u>	Nagasri Badri	732-422-3630 <u>nagasris@yahoo.com</u>

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20.	Dasara: Vijaya Dhashami: North Karnataka Style	Hoysala Kannada Sangha of Delaware	Dr.Ganesh Balu	ganeshbalu@gmail.com
21.	Deepavali: Naraka Chathurdashi			
22.	Deepavali: Lakshmi Puja	Sangeetha Kannada Koota, Minnesota	Babu	snbabu_mysore@yahoo.com
23.	Deepavali: Balipaadyami			
24.	Karnataka Rajyothsava	Hoysala Kannada Koota, CT	1. Yeshwanth Gaddi 2. Priya Haryadi	yashavanth_raja@yahoo.com 860 344 0564 bandhavi@aol.com 860 704 8374
25.	Bhimana Amavasya			
26.	Raksha Bandhan			
27.	Festivals of Coorg: Madikeri Dasara			
28.	Festivals of Coorg: Kunde Habba/Bodu Habba			
29.	Festivals of Coorg: Kalipodhu			
30.	Festivals of Coorg: Kaveri Sankramana			
31.	Festivals of Coorg: Puttari			
32.	Festivals of Mangalore: Tulasi Lagna			
33.	Hanuman Jayanthi			
34.	Mahavira Jayanthi			
35.	Basaveshwara Jayanthi			
36.	Parashurama Jayanthi - Akshaya Trithya			

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37.	Adi Shankaracharya Jayanthi			
38.	Ramnujacharya Jayanthi			
39.	Budha Poornima			
40.	Guru Poornima			
41.	Purandara Dasa Aradhane	Colorado Kannada Koota	Shashikala Vijalapura	Tel: 303-452-0365 E-mail: shashikala_shamarao@yahoo.com
42.	Ragavendra Swamy Aradhane			
43.	Jatre: Dharmaraya Karaga			
44.	Jatre: Kadalekai Parise (Ground Nut Festival)	Nandi Kannada Koota of South Florida	Govindraj	Cell 954 448 5075 Volunteer/President Nandi Kannada Koota
45.	Jatre: Ghati Subramanya Jatra			
46.	Jatre: Gangadhareswara Jatra			
47.	Jatre: Virupaksha Jatra			
48.	Jatre: Malai Mahadheswara Jatra			
49.	Naga Mandala- Northern Part of Karnataka	New York Kannada Koota	Ashwini Sadananda	puruashwini@yahoo.com 516-334-8807.