

Youth Forum at Tri-State Durga Puja Sunday Morning, 10:30 AM



School age children (ages 6-18) are invited to participate in the Youth Forum, where they can exchange their thoughts and ideas among peers. Participants will make short presentations, to be followed by open discussions. They will be divided into two age groups to focus on the following broad topics, open to speaker interpretation:

1. Group A (ages 6 - 12): **My stories from India**

(Hint: This may be about parents/grandparents/visiting relatives or what you experienced when you visited. Alternately, you can discuss some place you visited, and what you learned or thought.)

2. Group B (ages 13 - 18): Choose from one of the following topics:

- **My ethnic experience as Indian-American**
- **How I will celebrate Durga Puja 15 years from now**

Your ethnicity must have influenced you in many different ways, beyond the “brown kid” stereotype. Any aspects you want to share with the audience will be welcome.

Please note the following ground rules:

- ✓ We are expecting that each presentation will be about 6 minutes, followed by 1-2 minutes of Q&A. **However, depending on number of entries and room availability, this is subject to change. We will announce final schedule after the deadline, so you have 1 week to plan.**
- ✓ Multimedia slides should be in PowerPoint. [If you have to use Prezi or other on-line formats, please download the program on your own laptop ahead of time, since internet access may not be available.]
- ✓ **Registration Deadline: Saturday, Sept 30.**

Please register by email the following info:

1. Participant Name:
2. Parents/Guardian:
3. City:
4. Presentation Title and a two sentence summary:

Registration email should indicate “Youth Forum” on the subject line, and be sent to the following coordinators:

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