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HOLI-UGADI CELEBRATION TASTE OF INDIA FESTIVAL



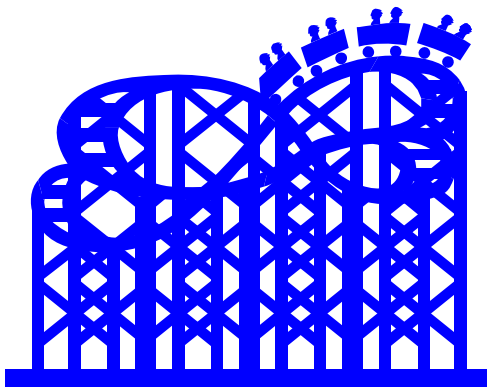
IAK celebrated Holi and Ugadi on March 17, 2007 in grand scale with the Taste of India festival. Latvian Heritage Center

was the venue of the event.. Second year in a row, hundreds of people turned up to relish the food served at the various stalls. Booths from various states of India presented food typical of the states. The food festival was followed by a variety of cultural programs. We concluded the enjoyable evening with community dance, an integral part of the traditional celebration of the festival.

Congratulations and thanks to all the people who set up stalls and made the festival a memorable event. Congratulations and thanks to **Priya Lokram** who prepared and presented several folk and classical dances in the evening for our enjoyment.



'Summer Carnival' in August



India Association will organize a Carnival on **Saturday, Aug 18, 2007** at Temple parking lot **from 2PM to 6PM**. A fun-filled Carnival with many games and activities for all ages- such as moon jumps, face painting, ring a bottle, balloon shooting and even a clown. The adults are for sure will have a good time with the kids and enjoy various Indian food. Please let Lokanath Lenka (269-323-1150) or Vijay Mehta (269-327-5456) know what activities you would like to see at the carnival and let us know if you are planning to open any food or game booths.

Indian Association of Kalamazoo Summer Sports Tournaments

As in previous years, IAK will organize a Summer Sports Tournament in July and August for the members of the association. The following tournaments are being planned.

Tennis

This year there will be separate competitions for adults and for children under 12. The games will be played at the West Middle tennis courts. It is time to get out and brush up on your tennis skills.

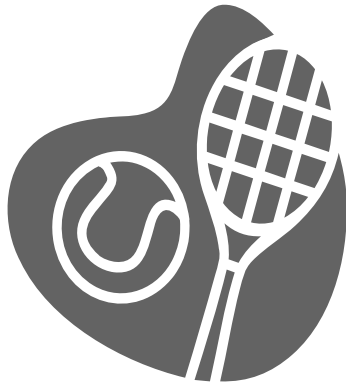


Table Tennis



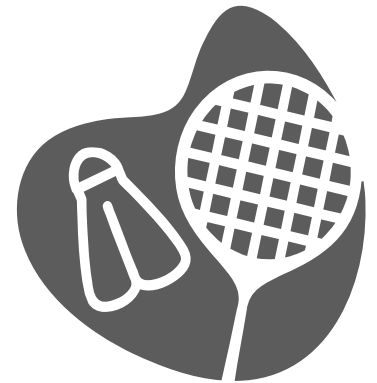
Table tennis tournament has been one of the popular events in the last two years. There will be separate competitions for adults and children. The games are usually played in the community of the Indo-American Cultural Center and Temple (IACCT).

Chess

A good number of young chess maestros participated in last year's competition and impressed us all with their wizardry on the chess board. We expect the same level of play and more participation this year.

Badminton

In terms of the number of participants badminton has been one of the very popular events. Because of scheduling conflicts, we were unable to hold the event last year. However, badminton is definitely in the cards this year. The games are usually played in the Maple Hills YMCA.



Carroms

This is a tournament we are adding new to the line up this year because of great interest from our members. We expect this to be a very competitive event for both adults and children.

Register Now

Please pick up the phone and register in the tournament events you are interested in.

To register, call Loknath Lenka at 323-1150 before June 15, 2007.

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Please look at the address label. If you see M7 after your name on the address label , then you are Member of IAK for year 2007. If you have paid membership but you do not see M7 after your name please contact Vijay Mehta (327-5456) .

If you have not paid membership this year we are requesting you to do so .

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