

# VOKKALIGARA PARISHAT OF AMERICA-EAST

A non-profit cultural organization (IRS Tax ID-31-1529941)  
8312 Glen Heather Drive, Frederick, Maryland 21702  
(Web-site: <http://www.geocities.com/vpa-east>)

## Executive Committee

President	Vice President	Secretary	Jt. Secretary	Treasurer Jt.	Treasurer
Srinivas Gowda	Mahadev Sitaram	V. Sreenivas	Suresh Gowda	Meena Gowda	Ben Kantharaju
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Dear Friends,

Greetings!

The VPA-East Executive Committee is pleased to invite you to a Spring Get-together to celebrate Ugadi/Varusha Tho(Ho)daku (New Year) on

Sunday, April 1, 2001 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M.  
at Oregon Ridge Park "Lodge", 13401 Beaver Dam Rd., Cockeysville, MD.

Oregon Ridge Park is a 1034 acre park located in the suburbs of Baltimore with hiking trails, nature center etc. (For information call 410-887-1818.)

Agenda for the Get-together:

12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M. - Registration, Social Hour (appetizers/drinks) & Lunch  
(catered by Mughal Garden Restaurant, Baltimore).

3:00 to 5:00 P.M.- Welcome Address by the President, Chief Guest's Speech,  
Cultural Activities, Sparklers/Fire Crackers for children.

Mrs. Leela Sreenivas will be coordinating the cultural activities. To make this special event a success we need your participation. To volunteer your talents (Fashion Show, Classical/Modern Dance, Songs, Skits, etc.) please contact Mrs. Leela Sreenivas at 301-879-0911.

In order to meet various expenses, we request you to sponsor the event by sending us (tax-deductible) donations. (A donation of \$500 will enable us to provide you with a free room at one of the finest hotels near the Oregon Ridge Park and free registration for your family.)

Directions to the Oregon Ridge Park, List of Hotels, Menu, Registration and Membership Forms are enclosed. Please RSVP by mailing your Registration Form on or before March 17, 2001.

Sincerely,  
Srinivas Gowda

## HOTELS NEAR THE OREGON RIDGE PARK

Days Hotel Timonium 9615 Deereco Road Timonium, MD 410-560-1000 800-329-7466	Embassy Suites 213 International cir. Hunt Valley, MD 410-584-1400 800-362-2779	Hampton Inn 11200 York Rd. Cockeysville, MD 410-527-1500 800-426-7866	Marriotts Hunt Valley Inn 245 Shawan Road Hunt Valley, MD 410-785-7000 800-228-9290	Courtyard By Marriott 221 International Cir Hunt Valley, MD 410-584-7070 800-321-2210
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### Directions to the Oregon Ridge Park “Lodge”

From New York/Pennsylvania/Baltimore:  
I-95 South  
Take I-695 toward Towson  
Take I-83 North  
Continue North to Exit 20-B (Shawan Rd. West)  
At first light make a left (Beaver Dam Rd.)  
Follow Beaver Dam Rd. for approx. ½ mile.  
You will see the Park entrance on the right.  
“The Lodge” is the building with the Flag.

From Virginia:  
I-95 North toward Baltimore  
Take I-695 toward Towson  
Take I-83 North  
Same as above

From Washington, DC:  
I-295 North (Baltimore/Washington Parkway)  
Take I-695 toward Towson  
Take I-83 North  
Same as above.

### MENU

Appetizer:  
Sheekh Kabab  
Chicken Tikka  
Samosas  
Vegetable Pakora  
Chat Papri  
Main Course  
Lamb Biryani  
Chicken Tikka Masala  
Tandoori Chicken  
Began Bharwan (Eggplant)  
Okra  
Alu Gobhi  
Mutter Paneer  
Rice Pullao, Tandoori Nan,  
Salad, Pickle, Pappad,  
Chutney & Raitha  
Dessert:  
Gulab Jamun  
Ras Malai  
Drinks/Beverages:  
Soda, Beer, Wine, Liquor,  
Coffee/Tea

*VPA -EAST Ugadi Get-together April 1, 2001*  
**REGISTRATION FORM**  
(Must be mailed by March 17, 2001)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>	<i># of People</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>Adult</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>	_____	<i>\$</i> _____
<i>Child (3-12 years)</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>	_____	<i>\$</i> _____
<i>Children (below 3 years)</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>		

*Donation* \_\_\_\_\_ *\$* \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership Fee* \_\_\_\_\_ *\$* \_\_\_\_\_

*Total*    *\$* \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this completed Form along with your fee (payable to VPA-EAST), by March 17, to Ms. Meena Gowda, 1920 Chapel Hill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906-1117.

·        On site registration for members(Non-members): Adults \$20(\$25), Children \$15(\$20)  
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## MEMBERSHIP FORM - 2001

Please complete all the relevant items. Send the form along with your membership\* fee (payable to VPA-EAST) to Ms. Meena Gowda, 1920 Chapel Hill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906-1117.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Spouse

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Office Phone E-mail

4. Name of Children Age Areas of Interest

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

(d) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Membership Fee enclosed:

Single \$20    Family \$40    Life \$500    Patron \$1000    Grand Patron \$5000

\*Ignore this if you are already a Life Member/Patron/Grand Patron.

You can become a Life member by paying \$500 in installments of \$125 over a period of one year.

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## **FIRST VPA-EAST CABIN CAMP 2001**

Camp Misty Mount (Entire camp is reserved)

Catoctin Mountain National Park ( <http://www.nps.gov/cato/> )

Thurmont, Maryland 21788

Saturday, August 18, 2001

Things to do:

Outdoor Swimming Pool

Hiking Trails such as Chimney Rock

Picnicking

Lake with sandy beaches (rent canoes/boats)

Fishing

Climb rocks to the top of Cunningham Falls

Scenic drive

Camp David (the Presidential retreat)

Campfire, Singing and Dancing around campfire

Sleep over for children etc.

Sleep inside the cabins safely on bunk beds.

Arrive Saturday as early as possible and leave Sunday after 1:00 p.m.

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Dear VPA Members,

We like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for having placed this responsibility and trust with the new executive committee and we hope to do our best in the next two years. Also, we take this opportunity to thank and commend the previous executive committee headed by Dr. Seetharam Gowda of Ellicott City, MD, for the splendid job performed during the last two years. In the coming year we plan to have five major events. They are as listed below.

- Our first function is going to be the Ugadi (New Year)/Varusha-Tho(ho)daku which will be held on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001, in Oregon Ridge Park Lodge, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Summer Camping/Picnic on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001, at Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont, MD for outdoor participation of Vokkaligas.
- Deepavali (Festival of Lights)/Karada Oota Function will be held in Nov. 2001.
- Sports (e.g., Kabadi for men and Kokko for Women etc.) Tournament to test VPA-East Vokkaligas athletic abilities.
- Thanksgiving/Christmas Luncheon for homeless people.
- Also, it is a great pleasure to host "7<sup>th</sup> VPA National Convention 2002" in VPA-East Region.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage all VPA members to suggest activities and events that they feel might be interesting to include in the next two years events.

Please send your Annual Membership Fee (\$40/Family or \$20 for singles) for the calender year 2001 to Ms. Meena Gowda, 1920 Chapel Hill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906. Make check payable to VPA-East.

WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Executive Committee, VPA-East