

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

IAWW is solely reliant on the commitment and support of members of the Indian American community to achieve its objectives. You can participate in any of the following ways:

Become a member: *The annual membership fee helps support the objectives and activities outlined in this brochure and enables you to obtain discounts at IAWW events. Membership is required to participate in the Youth Programs and enroll in Camp Bharat.*

Volunteer: *IAWW is an entirely volunteer run organization. Organizing successful events is a complex undertaking. Commit your time and talent to make IAWW events the pride of the community. The Seniors Program is especially in need of volunteers.*

Sponsorship: *Membership dues alone are not able to fund all the IAWW activities. It is only through your sponsorship and the hard work of volunteers that the IAWW is able to organize cultural and community activities and programs. Your sponsorship helps promote Indian culture and your contributions help us collectively give back to the community.*

Participate: *Participate in IAWW activities and attend events. By doing so reinforces*

children's interest in learning more about their culture and encourages them to participate.

Membership Inquiries:

membership@iaww.org

See IAWW.org for online membership information.

IAWW is a registered non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. Several employers in the area match employee donations.

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A non-profit, secular, volunteer-run organization with a mission to:

Organize cultural, social and educational activities for Indian Americans and to promote community service and Indian culture in Greater Seattle.

OUR OBJECTIVES

The rapid growth of the Indian American community in Puget Sound is creating both, a greater need for cultural self-expression, and a greater opportunity to share the richness of Indian cultural heritage with those unfamiliar with it. At the same time, it is imperative we give back to the community in which we live and which has given us so much. Elected by IAWW members, the Board aspires to meet the following IAWW objectives:

- Provide cultural, social, and educational services and opportunities for Indian Americans.*
- Promote understanding, awareness, and appreciation of India's heritage and culture in Greater Seattle.*
- Drive social service activities to give back to the community in which we live.*

Meeting the above objectives relies heavily on strong engagement, support, and sponsorship from the Indian American community.

OUR PROGRAMS



Youth Program and Camp Bharat

The Youth Program aims to foster greater cultural understanding and support social interaction within Indian American youth and provide them with leadership skills.

Held annually for over 20 years for children 9-17 yrs old, Camp Bharat aims to expand each participant's knowledge of India and Indian traditions, stressing the importance of cultural diversity and instilling pride in their rich heritage. It is a great venue for making new friendships and strengthening existing ones.



Seniors Program

The Seniors Program is a forum for senior interaction and mutual support, with a mission to provide and facilitate civic, recreational, cultural, and educational services and opportunities for cultural integration to the elders of the community. The Senior Board manages a monthly lunch program, many special monthly programs, a senior music festival, and senior health fairs and workshops. The Board also provides

welfare advocacy through government and local services.



Social Responsibility Program

Our youngest program, we strive to support those in our community who are of great, immediate need. We serve as a conduit of information, referral and connection to those who may lack resources to make use of those networks.

OUR ANNUAL EVENTS

Republic Day

To commemorate the establishment of the Republic of India on January 26, 1950, this event celebrates Indian classical culture and remarkable diversity of the many states comprising the Republic.

Independence Day

Commemorating India's Independence Day on August 15, 1947, this function highlights glimpses from India's history through various art forms.

Diwali

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated in October or November. This colorful function includes an extravaganza of music, dance, and drama involving a large number of participants of all ages and is drawing an increasingly diverse and multi-ethnic audience.