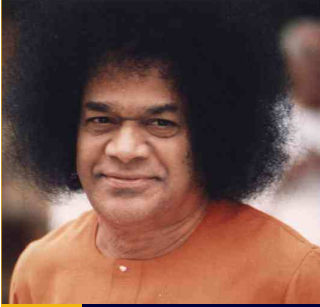


# **Pilgrimage to Prashanthi Nilayam from Chicago**

**Journey from I to We  
to Sai**



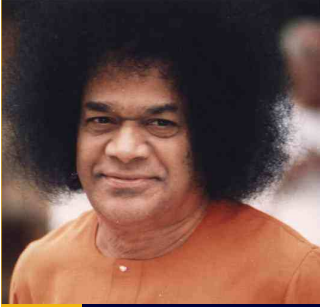
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### Why?

Purpose: To Seek Swami's Blessings

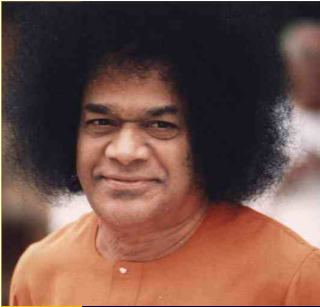
Goals: Journey from I to We to Sai

- Support Individual Transformation;
- Promote Spiritual Growth and Upliftment of all members;
- Build Unity among all Chicago Area devotees;
- Strengthen and Energize the Sai Centers;
- Win Swami's Grace



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- *“My Grace is proportional to your effort. Try to win grace by reforming your habits, reducing your desires and defining your higher nature. One step makes the next step easier; that is the excellence of spiritual journey. With each step, your strength and confidence will increase, and you will get bigger and bigger installments of Grace.”*

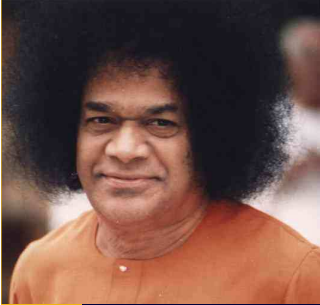


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## When?

### June/July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	26 Depart Chicago	27
28 Arrive Parthi (11am)	29	30	1	2	3	4 Depart Parthi (11 am)
5 Arrive Chicago	6	7 GURU POORNIMA	8	9	10	11

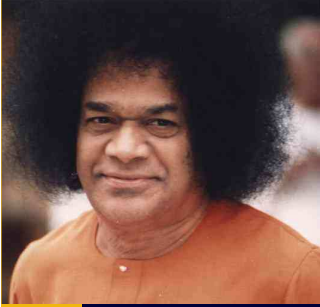


## Pilgrimage to Prashanthi Nilayam from Chicago When?

**Last Date For Commitment: April 15<sup>th</sup>**

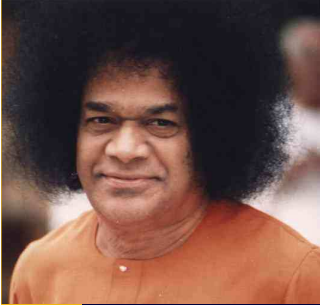
- Register at:  
<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=cDk3djRuc2gyb3hETF9nLURwWHI2YIE6MA>
- Each person should register separately
- Parents should register each child separately

**Last Date To Buy Air Tickets: May 15<sup>th</sup>**



## **Pilgrimage to Prashanthi Nilayam from Chicago** **Group Meeting Dates**

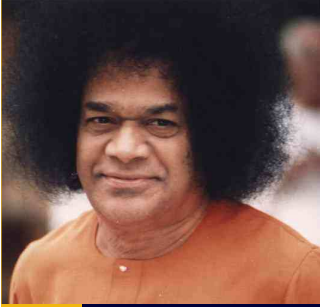
1. April 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3 PM to 6 PM
2. May 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3 PM to 6 PM  
(First Dress Rehearsal)
3. June 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> weekend



# Pilgrimage To Prashanthi Nilayam From Chicago Preparations

*In preparation for this journey we will implement the following activities to intensify our spiritual discipline over the next three months.*

*All pilgrims should follow through with the activities with all the strength and intensity that Sai expects from us! We should remember that although the effort is individual, the commitment is as a group.*



# Pilgrimage to Prashanthi Nilayam from Chicago

## Required Commitment

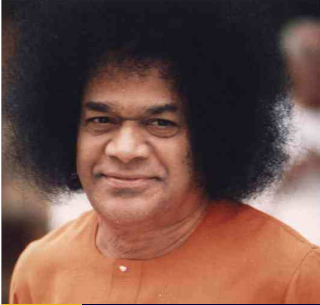
### Everyone Must:

- Have Faith With No Expectations!
- Be United and Have Swami as Focus
- Adhere to the Discipline of the Group
- Participate in all the Group Sadhana/Unity-Building Activities
- Participate in local and Parthi Service opportunities
- Be associated with a Sai Center
- Be with the Group in Prashanthi Nilayam for the ENTIRE trip – 6/28 – 7/4
- Register By April 15<sup>th</sup> And Purchase Ticket By May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Attend Mandatory Group Meetings in Chicago (There are 4 such meetings)
- Learn Group Songs / Vedam

### Additional Requirement To Be Part of the Presentation:

- Attend all the practice sessions in Chicago
- Attend Small Group Practice Sessions as needed (For the specific Area you are in)
- Learn All Group Songs / Vedam





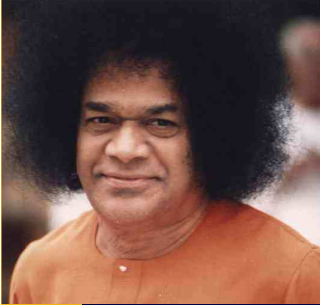
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# Group Discipline

*All group members are expected to adhere to Parthi Code of Conduct and Group Discipline Policy as communicated.*

Examples:

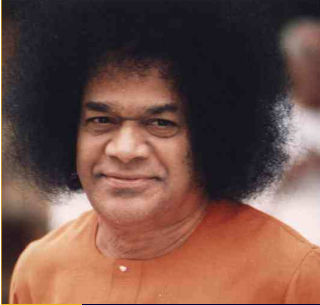
- Gents: white dress code, appropriate hairstyle, neat appearance
- Ladies: uniform saris/dress, modestly dressed/covered, neat appearance
- All: practice silence, minimize interactions between genders, focus on Swami



## Pilgrimage to Prashanthi Nilayam from Chicago Teams

- Group Sadhana and Unity-Building Team
- Service Team
- Logistics Team
- Presentation Team
- ... others as needed

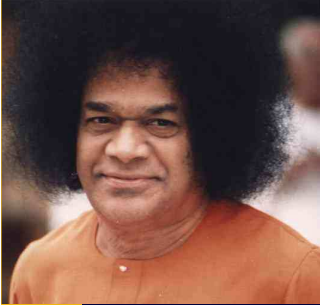
*All teams will have local and Parthi duties.*



# Pilgrimage to Prashanthi Nilayam from Chicago Group Sadhana and Unity-Building

## Team Role

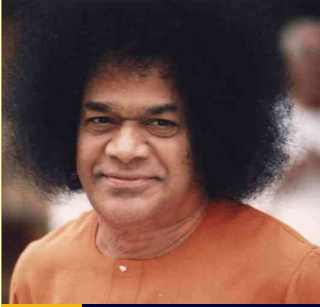
- Create Group Sadhana and Unity-Building Program
- Bring Energy To Everyone
- Spiritually Motivate each other
- Inclusion of Children and Elders in all activities
- Fun activities and Unity-Building at all meetings
- Come up with the Group name to represent us
- and more...



# Pilgrimage to Prashanthi Nilayam from Chicago Service

## Team Role

- Identify and Implement Local Projects
  - Special Pre-Trip Project
  - NYC hosting help
- Identify and Implement a Project in Parthi
  - Example:
    - Canteen Service
    - Grama Seva
    - Clothing drive
    - Narayana Seva
- Prepare Booklet of offering on Service
- Additional service opportunities
- and more...

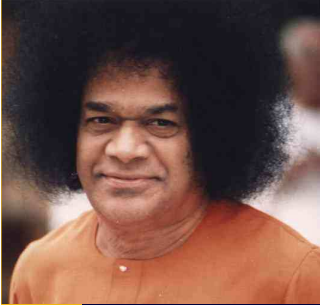


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### Logistics

#### Team Role

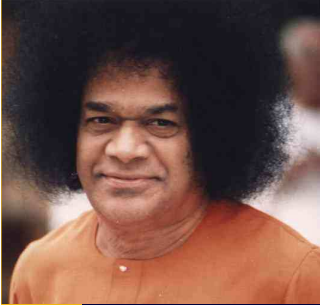
- Travel
- Accommodation
- Registration
- Meeting/Practice Coordination (Locations, food, A/V, etc)
- Supplies and Resources (Local and Parthi)
- Dress Code, Scarves, Nametags, etc.
- and more...



# Pilgrimage to Prashanthi Nilayam from Chicago Presentation

## Team Role

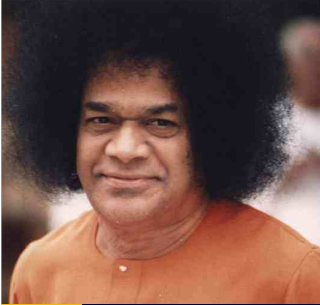
- Plan the Presentation (Skit, Songs, Dances, Bhajans)
- Group letters, updates to Swami
- Write and direct the play
- Select and teach songs and bhajans
- Choreograph and teach dances
- Assign roles, singers, instruments, etc.
- Organize resources, costumes, props, audio/visual
- Teach the Group Songs/Vedam
- Physical offerings to Swami (flyer, scroll, rose, etc)
- Booklet and Collage offerings
- and more...



## **Pilgrimage to Prashanthi Nilayam from Chicago**

### **Practice Session Dates**

1. April 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3 PM to 6 PM
2. April 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3 PM to 6 PM
3. May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 3 PM to 6 PM
4. May 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3 PM to 6 PM
5. May 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3 PM to 6 PM (First Dress Rehearsal)
6. June 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday 3 PM to 6 PM
7. June 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10 AM to 1 PM (All center program – Presentation to All)
8. June 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3 PM to 6 PM
9. June 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday 3 PM to 6 PM
10. June 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday 3 PM to 6 PM

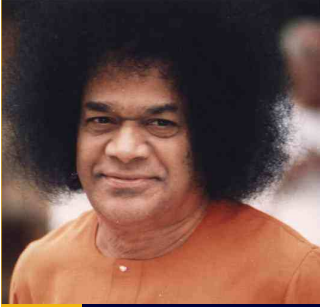


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### How to Join Teams

- By April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009: email [chicagoparthitrip2009@sathyasaicenters.org](mailto:chicagoparthitrip2009@sathyasaicenters.org)
- Include:
  - Your Name & Center
  - Team choice (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice)
  - Relevant skills or talents
- April 2, 2009: Final teams assigned
- April 3, 2009: Planning begins for each team

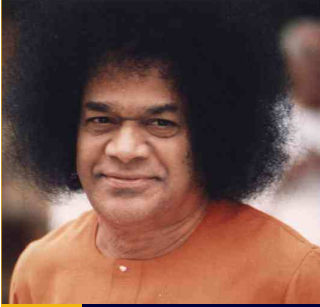




# Pilgrimage to Prashanthi Nilayam from Chicago Questions



**Questions? Input? Send Email to:**  
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**JAI SAI RAM!**