

Starting on the second Saturday every November, Bhajans (Devotional Singing) are conducted as part of the birthday celebrations of our beloved Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Since 1976, Sathya Sai Centers all over the world have continued this practice of praying for world peace.

Sathya Sai Baba Centers of Chicagoland cordially invites you to participate in "2011 Akhanda Bhajan".

What	Global Akhanda Bhajan (Worldwide Continuous Devotional Singing)
When	From Saturday (11/12/11) 6 PM through Sunday (11/13/11) 6 PM
Where	Manav Seva Mandir (Basement Hall), 101 S Church St., Bensenville, IL 60106 <u>Directions:</u> From I-290 take Exit IL-83 North and travel approximately 2 miles. Turn right at the 2 nd light on to GROVE ST. Turn Left at the first stop sign on to CHURCH ST. Manav Seva Mandir is immediately on your right. If you are coming on South bound IL- 83, turn left at SHERWOOD and turn left again at the first stop sign on to CHURCH ST. (Grove and Sherwood are the same street).
Who	All devotees who love and worship God in any name, in any form, in any language, of any age, of any origin are welcome.
Why	To promote and experience Unity, Love, and Peace amongst all of us.
How	By continuously singing the Glory of the Lord for 24 hours, praying for the well being of all the people in the world. Devotees from different faiths will sing songs in many languages, using many names and forms of the same God, who is present in all.
General Notes	It is a FREE Event. Dress Code: Casual; but no abbreviated dresses please.
Notes to Parents	Dear Parents, you are responsible for your children's well-being and behavior throughout the event.
For More Info	Please contact (708)642-1400 / (630)460-6861 / (847)703-0028 / (708)547-1878

Sathya Sai Baba says "Akhanda Bhajan is not being done not for the sake of one individual, one nation or one community. It is for the welfare of humanity as a whole. The bhajans (Devotional Singing) that are sung permeate the ether in the form of sound waves and fill the entire atmosphere. Thereby, the whole environment is purified. Breathing in this purified atmosphere, our hearts get purified. Reciting the Lord's name is a process of give and take. Singing the Lord's name should become an exercise in mutual sharing of joy and holiness. It should be remembered that the sounds we produce reverberate in the atmosphere. They remain permanently in the ether as waves and outlast the individual uttering the sounds. The significance of community singing is immense and is the easiest way to reach God in the present age. The spiritual vibrations produced by Bhajans confer great joy both on those who sing them and on those who hear the songs. Bhajans remove all negative thoughts, soothe the nerves, purify the mind and fill the body and the heart with sweet love for the divine".