

KUMBHA MELA AT PRAYAGRAJ (ALLAHABAD) — 2019

Dear Divine Atman,

“The religious fairs held in India from time immemorial are known as Kumbha Melas; they have kept spiritual goals in the sight of the multitude,” wrote Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda. Inspired by these words of our Guru, we have been organizing YSS camps during Kumbha Melas in the past. Likewise, we are planning to set up a Camp at the Kumbha that will be held at Prayagraj (Allahabad) early next year. The Camp will be functional on the Kumbha Mela grounds from **January 10 to February 21, 2019**. This period will cover the bathing days: *Makar Sankranti* (January 15), *Putrada Ekadashi* (January 17), *Paush Purnima* (January 21), *Sankat Chauth* (January 24), *Jaya Ekadashi* (January 31), *Mauni Amavasya* (February 4), *Vasant Panchami* (February 10), *Kumbha Sankranti* (February 13), *Ekadashi* (February 15), and *Magha Purnima* (February 19).

Throughout the camp period various programmes such as group meditations, bhajans, and satsangas will be organized to help devotees derive the maximum benefit from their stay in the Camp.

The accommodation arrangements at the camp will be spartan, consisting of only a tent pitched on sand, and floor covered with straw. Men and women will be accommodated in separate tents. Devotees who would like to visit and stay at the YSS Camp are requested to register online or fill the attached Registration Form and send it back to us along with a registration fee of ₹600 per person. Kindly read the Guidelines given overleaf before filling in the Registration Form. The completed form and remittance should reach us at the earliest. Please do mention alternative dates (which are not overlapping) that may be allotted to you in case there is a heavy rush on the dates of your first preference. We shall try to honour your first preference as far as possible. We will confirm your accommodation by letter/email/SMS, which you should bring with you to the Kumbha Mela Camp.

SRF devotees are welcome to register for Kumbha Mela camp by emailing the required details (given in the Registration Form) to kumbha@yssi.org. On arrival at the Camp site, they are required to submit the following documents: SRF Membership/Kriyaban card and photocopy of the Passport which is required to be submitted to the Mela authorities. Registration fee may be paid on arrival at the reception counter in Indian Rupees.

Accommodation at the Camp will be limited to five days, including the days of arrival and departure, so that the largest number of devotees can avail of the limited facilities and yet fulfil their bathing and other observances. Kindly do not insist on attending one of the main bathing days when there is likely to be much difficulty in accommodation as well as movement. You are also advised to avoid arriving and departing on the main bathing days as vehicles are not permitted to ply on the Mela grounds on those days. However, in case you happen to arrive on a bathing day, and are not able to reach our Camp site, please contact us for assistance.

The Camp facilities are normally meant for YSS/SRF devotees. However, we understand that parents and relatives may be interested in doing the pilgrimage. If family members or close relatives are to be a part of the visiting group, they are also welcome.

Gurudeva said: “Learn to see God in all persons, of whatever race or creed. You will know what divine love is when you begin to feel your oneness with every human being, not before.”

May God and Gurus deeply bless you and guide you always.

In divine friendship,
YOGODA SATSANGA SOCIETY OF INDIA

GUIDELINES

1. **Registration:** There will be registration charges of ₹600 per person.
 - a. **Online (for YSS devotees only):** You may register online at www.noida.yssashram.org/kumbhamela2019. Payment can be made online as well. This facility is available for YSS devotees only.
 - b. **Offline:** Please complete the attached form and send it along with the registration charges of ₹600/- per person to **Kumbha Mela C/O Yogoda Satsanga Sakha Ashram — Noida, Paramahansa Yogananda Marg, B-4, Sector 62, Noida 201307, U.P.** The amount should be sent through a Demand Draft/Cheque/I.P.O. in favour of Yogoda Satsanga Society of India. Your form should reach Noida Ashram at the earliest.

Age Restrictions: Children below 12 years of age are not allowed. Senior devotees who are 75 years and above are requested not to register themselves due to the harsh conditions prevailing at the camp site.

Contact Us: If you have any queries regarding this programme, you may send them to the email address: kumbha@yssi.org. You may also contact our Noida Ashram between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the phone numbers: 8580169522, 6207704270, 8969663281. The same numbers will continue to be in operation at our Mela Camp site, once the Camp becomes functional.

2. **Food:** Simple meals will be provided on a donation basis. There will be no fixed charges for this.
3. **Accommodation:** The accommodation arrangements at the Camp will be spartan, consisting of only a tent pitched on sand, and floor covered with straw. As men and women will be accommodated in separate tents, families planning to stay at the Camp are requested to pack keeping this in mind. As the weather will be very cold in January and February, please bring with you complete winter clothing (such as quilt/sleeping bag/sweaters/cap, socks, etc.). A sleeping bag will be most comfortable if you can arrange one. You may also want to bring a raincoat or an umbrella as it may rain occasionally during these months.
4. As facilities at the Camp are limited, **only those persons whose accommodation has been confirmed by YSS will be allowed to stay in the camp.** You are requested to not bring along friends and family members who do not have such confirmation.
5. **Things to bring:** Bedding, winter clothing (as given above), mosquito repellent cream, torch, asan, and other items of personal use.
6. **Volunteers:** We require dedicated volunteers to help run the camp. Volunteers should be prepared to stay for at least seven days. We need their help with the kitchen, bookstall, accommodation, registration, reception, maintenance and upkeep of the camp, medical services (allopathic and homeopathic), accounts, etc. Those who wish to volunteer may please mention the same in the Registration Form, and opt to stay for at least seven days.
7. **Train Tickets:** Devotees are requested to purchase their train tickets on their own.
8. **Address of the YSS Camp Site:** The Mela authorities have not yet allotted sites to various organizations. We will post the site details and the route map on the YSS Website (www.noida.yssashram.org/kumbhamela2019) when they become available. The address of the site and the route map will also be given in the confirmation letter that will be sent to those who register.
9. **Base Camp:** YSS will have a base camp at: YSS Dhyana Kendra — Allahabad, 270, Sohabatia Bagh, Nai Basti, Allahabad 211106, U.P. The camp will be functional after the allotment of land on the Mela grounds by the authorities.

YSS KUMBHA MELA CAMP — PRAYAGRAJ (ALLAHABAD) 2019

(We suggest that you register and pay online at www.noida.yssashram.org/kumbhamela2019)

If you cannot register online, then please fill in the details and send this form to **Kumbha Mela C/O Yogoda Satsanga Sakha Ashram — Noida, Paramahansa Yogananda Marg, B-4, Sector 62, NOIDA 201307, U.P.**, along with the registration charges.
Contact us by email kumbha@yssi.org or by phone (8580169522, 6207704270, 8969663281) if you have any queries.

REGISTRATION FORM

	Name	Lessons Reg. No.	Gen- der (M/F)	Age	Kriy- aban (Y/N)	Accom- modation Needed (Y/N)	Want to Vol- unteer (Y/N)	Previous experience as volunteer (if any)
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								

Address : _____

Telephone / Mobile No.: _____ E-mail: _____

Payment Details : Cash/Draft/Cheque No.: _____ dated _____ on _____ (bank) in favour of YOGODA SATSANGA SOCIETY OF INDIA

Period for which accommodation is desired: Depending on availability, YSS will reserve accommodation for you at the Camp based on your preferred dates. Please note that devotees are permitted to stay for a maximum of 5 days, including the day of arrival and departure. Volunteers may stay for seven days or longer.

Please ensure that the dates of the three choices are not overlapping:

First Choice:

Date of Arrival _____ Time of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____ Time of Departure _____

Second Choice:

Date of Arrival _____ Time of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____ Time of Departure _____

Third Choice:

Date of Arrival _____ Time of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____ Time of Departure _____