



Dear Swisspuja Members,

Poila Baisakh's Greetings and a Happy Bengali's New Year 1421 to All!

It's going to be a year full of celebrations, with new flavours and colours.



Picnic is on 7th June. Keep your badminton rackets and sunglasses ready for another fun packed day. Get ready for a 'tug of war' and a peaceful day with games, sumptuous lunch and high tea, surrounded by family and friends. **Registration closes by 15th May** or when we reach 120 mark (full capacity). *Please register soon, details enclosed.*



We are happy to announce an **Essay Contest** for our creative kids. Age group: 11-18. Topic (English): How I celebrate Durga Puja/(German):Was bedeutet Durga Puja für mich. Submit by May 30th, 2014.



It's time to pick up your pen and give wings to your aspirations. Send us your entries for **Puja Brochure 2014** by June 5th. We are looking forward to receiving articles in English, Bengali and German. Please see details enclosed. Apart from general write ups there will be a new section on interesting anecdotes based on your experience in Switzerland (200 words). Perhaps you have one which you would like to share?

Durga Puja dates: Saptami Wed. 1st Oct. till Dashami 4th Oct. 2014. Bijoya on 9th Nov. 2014.

Please find details enclosed on above items and more.

Looking forward to your continued support and participation, come and join 2014 celebrations!

With best wishes and regards,

SWISSPUJA 2014 team

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Detailed information for events:

PICNIC

Date and Time: June 7, 2014. 10:30 – 17:00 hrs.

Venue: Chalet Pilatus, Neuenkirch (Lu), (same as last year).

Register by 15th May: Please contact Suman Ray (+41 565356569); or Akash Bhattacharya (+41 762420854); at: ecmember@swisspuja.com with info. on: veg/non veg; name of persons and age; special assistance if required.

Fees: CHF 25 per person (no fees for children below 5). Payment details below.

Access: Through regular bus from Luzern HB, 1 km from bus stop.

Picnic Bus: Tentative plan for bus to and fro picnic venue from Baden and Zurich (pick up and drop at one point each in Zurich & Baden).

Finalization depends on the level of response. Cost 25 CHF per head. Please contact Suman Ray or Akash Bhattacharya for further details.

Car: Sufficient car parking slots available. <http://chaletpilatus.ch/Partyraum-Anreise.htm>

ESSAY CONTEST

Topic: *How I celebrate Durga Puja (English)/ Was bedeutet Durga Puja für mich (German)*

Word limit: 500 words

Age group: 11-18 years

Submit by May 30, 2014: Please send your entry to Brindarica Bose at: ecmember@swisspuja.com (+41 566104463).

Add in subject line while sending entry: Essay Contest, Full name. Selected entries will be published in the Puja Brochure/website. Submit either in English or in German.

PUJA BROCHURE

Topic: *your choice (any topic)*

Word limit: 1400 words

Language: Bangla, English or German.

Submission for Bangla, please use Unicode (Avro Keyboard). For English MS word only.

Submit by June 5, 2014: Please send your entry to Brindarica Bose (+41 566104463) or Tanmoy Pal (+41 787788829); at: ecmember@swisspuja.com

We request your support in receiving **advertisements** for the Puja Brochure. Please contact Atish Roychoudhury (+41 562821280), president@swisspuja.com

DURGA PUJA

Dates: *Saptami: Wed., 1st Oct. till Dashami: Sat., 4th Oct. 2014. Bijoya: 9 Nov., 2014.*

Venue: Schwerzisaal, In der Schwerzi 4, 8135 Langnau an Albis, (near Zurich), 8135 Langnau am Albis. Same as last year.

Cultural programs: Saptami till Navami. If you wish to perform please contact Aniruddha Ghosh (+41 765477825), ecmember@swisspuja.com

Puja Bhog: Bhog is offered to the deity twice daily on all three days of the Durga Puja. You are invited to volunteer to prepare Puja Bhog and offer to the Goddess for the 7 slots. In case of multiple and overlapping requests, slots would be decided by draw of lots. For Bhog requests please contact Debashree Banerjee (+41 56 444 8831), mentor@swisspuja.com, with the date and slot, convenient for you.

Contribution: *For Picnic, pay by 15 May 2014 (CHF 25 per person, kids below 5 no fees). For Annual Membership, CHF 100 (per family). Fees for Students or Trainees up to the age of 30 is CHF 50. Please pay by Aug. 2014.*

Payment Details:

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