

2011 Sikh Youth Symposium

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2011 SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCEMENT

TO ALL THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL CHAPTER CONVENORS :

The Symposia is open to the youth belonging to the following age groups. Only exception will be those youth, who have attained first position in their respective groups at the International Sikh Youth Symposium last year. **The First prize winners belonging to age groups I to IV will be promoted to participate in the next higher age group this year, whereas the first position holder of 5th group shall be our honored guest with special assignment at the 2011 International Sikh Youth Symposium. After a gap of one year the 5th group winner shall resume his/her participation in this group (i.e. at the 2012 Symposia) if he/she so desires and the age requirements for the said group are satisfied.**

1. They will base their speeches on the following books:

- Group I : 06-08 yr. Basic Knowledge of Sikhism (previously called Basic Principles of Sikhism)
By Sikh Missionary College, Ludhiana**
- Group II : 09-10 yr. The Sikh Sakhis by Dr. Gurbakhsh Singh
Sikh Missionary College, Ludhiana**
- Group III : 11-13 yr. Baba Banda Singh Bahadur
By Sikh Missionary College, Ludhiana**
- Group IV : 14-17 yr. The Message of Gurbani by Dr. Gurbaksh Singh
Singh Brothers, Amritsar**
- Group V : 16-22 yr. Shabad Guru and False Gurudom
By Sikh Missionary College, Ludhiana**

2. The age of any participant will be determined as of December 31, 2010.

3. No youth can participate from a region other than his/her own. However, under special circumstance a youth may be allowed to participate from another local chapter **within the region** with the permission of the regional convener. Also, any youth may be permitted to participate in a **higher age group (and not vice versa)** at the discretion of Local Unit convener. One of the two siblings belonging to same age group may participate in the higher group from the same local unit, if they so desire.

4. **Any one can participate in the Symposium in the age group to which they belong by filling in the Registration form and paying the registration fees of \$20.00/participant. The Local Chapter Conveners must complete the entire registration process by December 31, 2010.**

5. **Local Conveners** will keep \$5.00/participant with them; send \$5.00/participant to their Regional Conveners and **\$10.00/participant to Sikh Youth Alliance of North America, 6863 Cloister Road, Toledo, Ohio 43617. Please mail the Regional and National shares to their respective Conveners before March 1, 2011.** This will cover the Symposium expenses at the local, regional and international levels respectively.

WHERE THE COMPETITION IS HELD & HOW THE PRIZES ARE AWARDED:

- a) **LOCAL LEVEL:** All registrants including Group V will compete at the **LOCAL level in the city selected by the Local Convener well before the Regional competition.** The first, second and third winners from group I, II, III, IV & V will be awarded trophies.
- b) **REGIONAL LEVEL:** **THE FIRST PRIZE WINNERS** from all five age groups; **SECOND PRIZE WINNERS** (If 10 to 19 youth from Age Groups I, II, III & IV and 4 to 6 from Age Group V have participated at the local level); **THIRD PRIZE WINNERS** (If more than 20 youth from Age Groups I, II, III & IV and 7 to 10 from Age Group V have participated at the local level) will compete at the **REGIONAL level before May 31, 2011.** The first, second and third winners from groups I, II, III, & IV and first and second winners from group V will be awarded trophies. It is recommended to award a certificate of achievement to all participants.
- c) **RESULTS OF REGIONAL WINNERS:** Results of first, second and third place winners of each group along with their registration forms must be sent to the National Convener before June 5, 2011. (Please do not send registration forms of all participants. We only need 3 registration forms/group = 15 forms for all five groups.)
- d) **INTERNATIONAL LEVEL:** **THE FIRST PRIZE WINNERS** (If 1 to 5 youth from Age Groups I, II, III & IV and 1 to 3 from Age Group V have participated at the Regional level); **SECOND PRIZE WINNERS** (If 6 to 8 youth from Age Groups I, II, III & IV and 4 to 6 from Age Group V have participated at the Regional level); **THIRD PRIZE WINNERS** (If more than 9 youth from Age Groups I, II, III & IV and 7 to 10 from Age Group V have participated at the Regional level) **will go to the 2011 INTERNATIONAL SIKH YOUTH SYMPOSIUM FINALS in SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, USA from August 4 to 7, 2011.** The exact location and other details will be sent to you in due course of time. The first, second and third prizewinners from Groups I, II, III, IV & V will be awarded Superb Personalized Trophies/Plaques. All participants will be awarded certificates as well as suitable Trophies/Plaques. A letter of recommendation will also be sent to the Principals/Deans of the schools or Universities of the participant.
- e) **SPECIAL AWARDS:** It is recommended to award a special prize of \$10 at LOCAL LEVEL, \$20 at REGIONAL LEVEL and \$30 at INTERNATIONAL LEVEL to all the Punjabi Speaking Participants. It is also recommended that all Kesadhaari Participants should be suitably rewarded at all three levels, whenever possible.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL THE CONVENORS:

We will soon be receiving all the books and we shall be shipping them over to you after receiving your request. Books for Groups I, III and V are also available in PUNJABI. Please email us the number of books(indicate Punjabi or English for Groups I, III and V only) required by your Region and/or Local Chapter at sikhs@bex.net or fax us at (419)535-6794 by November 28, 2010. To get clarification on the rules and regulations of the Symposium or any other organizational matter, please feel free to contact me at the above address and phone number or email me at sikhs@bex.net. Please make copies of the enclosed material for handing over to all the volunteers involved in the Symposium and for distribution to the judges as well as to the participants. Thank you.

November 15, 2010

- Kuldeep Singh

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION ALWAYS WITH YOU AS IT CONTAINS MOST OF THE RULES, REGULATIONS AS WELL AS THE GUIDELINES THAT ARE GOING TO BE FOLLOWED THROUGHOUT THE SYMPOSIUM