India 101ers—September FOI Events, (Reception at Embassy of India, Picnic)

Below sketches out the plan for the SEPT gathering. Some of this will "overlap" with both Nat Peace Corps Assoc (NPCA) events and the Friends of India (FOI) events going on that weekend.
Both of these organizations have websites (www.npca,gov and www.FOIndia.org) with LOTS of detailed info about the events scheduled for 22 to 25 SEP, along with hotels, etc.
Shriver Hall at PC HQ is open from 9 to 5 on Friday and on SAT (hours not specified). Fri, Sat and Sun the NPCA has is hosting a number of planned events, panel discussions, ceremonies, etc. Go to their website and click on "offical calendar" for more info.

22 SEP (Thurs) - NPCA is coordinating a PC "Advocacy Day" - Groups visiting Capital Hill to pitch PC relevance.

23 SEP (Fri)
- NPCA is coordinating a "Service Day"
- Early evening – FOI *Reception at the Indian Embassy* . **NOTE- NOTE!:** To attend this event Please send email to FOIndiaReunion11@aol.com .There is a "NLT" of 10 AUG to get the info to the Embassy.
- *AFTER the reception* - India 101ers dinner at local Indian restaurant (someplace near Dupont Circle).

24 SEP (Sat) - Approx 11AM to 4PM - *FOI Picnic at the Falls Church Community Center* (223 Little Falls St., Falls Church; supposedly within "striking distance " of the Falls Church Metro stop.)
- Approx 7 PM Until - *Dinner* (we'll get food from the best SOUTH INDIAN place we can find). We should be able to get a good head count of those attending on Friday. Please Contact FOIndiaReunion for address.

- For those interested - "Promise of the PC" NPCA Gala - Some sort of big deal dinner at a Washington Hotel, $250 to $300 per person. (Throwing this out just in case!)

25 SEP (Sun) - Nothing organized planned.

If you plan to come could you please let us all know when you are coming, where you're staying, and which activities you'd like to attend. Contact FOIndiaReunion11@aol.com with information and It will get passed on to appropriate group coordinator. **If you received an email on any information about this and the above topics, please reply by "hitting "reply all" to spread the information faster.**

Some good travel info: There are 3 airports in the DC Area, and all have quite reasonable public transportation options (metro bus / metro connections for BWI and Dulles and direct metro connection for Washington National Airport; airport to metro connecting bus is $3 from BWI and $6 from Dulles). Folks will want to scan all 3 airports when looking for flights to get the best deals. Most everything on the schedule is accessible by Metro, so no rental cars are needed (and parking in DC is tough.)

On the Saturday picnic, Falls Church Community Center (also known as Cherry Hill Park) is pretty close (one mile?) to East Falls Church metro (note, **EAST** Falls Church). It is our plan to run an informal vehicle shuttle to pick up people at the metro. There is, by the way, plenty of parking at the Community Center if some people do want to drive. Time planned for Picnic on Saturday, 24 September is 11Am to 4PM.

By the way, the NPCA website (peacecorpsconnect.org) does have a scheduled Sunday event from 10-2 -- a program at the JFK memorial in Arlington Cemetery and then a march behind country flags across the Memorial Bridge to the Lincoln Memorial.

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