

Mission of MYR 2023:

We, the RAYS Exec Board intend to put together a weekend that will foster connections amongst the Marwari youth for weeks, months, and years to come. We look forward to offering a weekend that takes into consideration the diverse nature of our group and provides each of us an opportunity to grow and experience activities and moments that feel relevant and engaging. We endeavor to do that by tapping into our heritage and providing an experience that highlights the unique commonality between us by further establishing the relevance of our cultural identity. We want to develop programming that serves to unite and allows people to be engrossed in the moment. Most of all we want to be mindful, we want this weekend to give everyone an opportunity to step back and appreciate who they are, in all ways. We look forward to that moment.

<u>FAQ</u>

- 1. What is MYR? A: MYR (Marwari Youth Reunion) is a multi day event for people with a connection to Rajasthan that are aged 21-35 to meet and connect over our shared cultures of traditional Rajasthani as well as our lives here in North America. We achieve this through opportunities to strengthen those bonds in cultural, philanthropic, and networking events and also other fun activities. And as one previous attendee puts it, "Masti, Yaariyan, and a great opportunity to meet fellow Marwari youth and connect over our shared heritage."
 - 2. Where and when is MYR 23? A: MYR 23 will take place at the Hilton Denver City in Denver, CO from September 28th-October 1st.

Costs: \$265/night, limited availability rate

3. **How do I register?** A: Please click the registration link below:

Register Today!

- 4. I'm not Marwari, can I still join? A: Yes sort of! This event is intended to be open to all of those with a Rajasthani background and their significant others if married to them. Or, if you have a Rajasthani family. Please reach out if unsure!
- 5. I wasn't born in North America, can I still join? A: Yes! If you're living in North America or will be here during the event we want you to be there!
- 6. I'm not 21-35, can I still join? A: You must be at least 21 by September 28, 2023 to join. Please reach out if you are over 35 and would like to join.
- 7. I haven't been to any previous MYR or IMRC events before, should I still come? A: Absolutely! Whether it's your first event or 5th, we strive to make the weekend approachable to all. We get it, not knowing anyone can be daunting but there is no prior knowledge or attendance necessary. With such a wide age range attending we believe you'll find plenty of other great people to meet and interact with too!
- 8. Can you give more details about where we will be staying and what we will be doing? A:

Lodging: Hilton Denver City Center - room block available with 1 King or 2 Queen Bed rooms - link will only be sent to those who pay registration.

Costs: \$265/night, first come first serve room block for both room types.

Please click the link for details about the event agenda! MYR 23 Agenda
We plan to kick things off around 6 PM MST on Thursday September 28th.

- 9. **Do you need any help?** A: We'd appreciate all the help we can get! Please email exec.rays@gmail.com and we will coordinate with you when the time comes to assist with the event.
- 10. How do I register and is there a fee? A:Please use this link to register:

Registration

Registration costs for this event are: **Early Bird** (*Payment deadline - August 15th*): **\$125 IST** (*Payments on/after August 16th*): **\$150**

*Please note registration fees will not cover flight and accommodation costs.

- 11. I can't attend the full event, can I pay a partial amount? A: Attendees must pay the full event cost as these funds are used to ensure complete event programming.
- 12. What is the refund policy? A: Refunds will be granted based on their request date.
 - **September 1st or before**: 100% of registration fee
 - **After** September 1st or **before** September 15th: 50% of registration fee **After** September 15th: 0% of registration fee
 - *We reserve the right to assess refund requests on a case by case basis
- 13. What is included in the registration costs? A: The registration costs will at a minimum cover the following: event programming for the weekend, 6 of the 8 meals we will eat, event souvenirs and materials.
 - *Programming and food itineraries are still being finalized. We will update that information closer to the event date.

The costs **DO NOT** cover: the Thursday pre-event dinner and Sunday post-event brunch, additional personal purchases including when going out around Denver, flight and lodging costs.

14. **Do I have to attend all the events?**A: No part of MYR 23 is mandatory to attend, we will highlight the programming and which ones we would strongly recommend to participate in.

- 15. Is there a dress code? A: Not really, the weather in Denver is likely to be good but it is still advisable to pack for potentially cold weather. This will be better forecasted closer to the event date of course. Otherwise, no formal indian clothes are necessary but you can bring clothes you can be comfortable in, explore and hike in, and go out in. We'll clarify a suggested packing list closer to MYR 23.
- 16. How do I get from the airport to our hotel, Hilton Denver City Center?

 A: There are currently no plans to facilitate transportation to and from Denver Airport. Rideshare services such as Lyft and Uber are available. It is also possible to take Denver Metro Transit to Union Station which is a short 15 minute walk to the hotel.
- 17. Will it snow in Denver and can we go skiing? A: There is a potential for snow in Denver during the dates we have set. It's rather unlikely, but still possible. The weather is generally very nice during this time with an opportunity to also enjoy the changing fall colors. However, skiing will not be part of this agenda.

If you have any questions not addressed here, please email:

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