

Innovative Jain Projects in North America

24. Yatra Games - Spiritual Games for the Whole Family

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Yatra Games has developed The Freedom Puzzle and Jain Fundamentals Flash Cards. The Freedom puzzle reflects each Atma/Soul's ongoing journey through various cycles of birth and death (realms). The object of the Jain Fundamentals flash card game is to gain knowledge about Jainism's basic tenets.

25. Bringing Jainism to the Mainstream

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Dr. Parikh is dedicated to popularizing Jain principles and practices through his books, lectures, and research. Two of his popular books are displayed here. These books lucidly explain Jain principles and inspire our youth to work for the betterment of our planet through Ahimsa, Anekantevad, and Aparigraha

26. Non-Violence - What it Means and How to Use It. Lessons for Youth

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How do young students explain to their friends that they believe in nonviolence? What is nonviolence anyways? This booklet shows that nonviolence is a continuum to respect ourselves, all people (even our enemies), and the environment.

27. Overcoming Fundamentalism: An Answer to Terrorism- Lessons for Youth

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Conflicts surround us. The root causes are simple: poverty, injustice, inequality and fundamentalism. The solution is simple: adopting Non-Absolutism (Anekantevad) and adjusting our thinking to dissolve fundamentalism. This booklet will teach about Jain principles of Anekantevad.

28. Ahimsa Center

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Ahimsa Center is aimed at interdisciplinary teaching and learning about nonviolence and nonviolent social change.

29. Greening The Detroit Jain Center

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Since 2009, the Jain Society of Greater Detroit has adopted environmentally-friendly practices in its office operations and large community events (800-1000 attendees). Major practices were implemented in waste avoidance, waste source reduction, recycling, and reuse to reduce our carbon footprint. We encourage all Jain centers to go lean and green.

30. Religions for Peace, North American Interfaith Youth Network

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Religions for Peace is a coalition of religions communities working for peace and justice. Through this mission, the North American Interfaith Youth Network (NAIYN) is involved in the Arms Down! Campaign for a non-violent future.

31. Volunteering at Veerayatan

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Veerayatan is a non-profit organization that works to provide opportunities for those less fortunate. Several Jain students from the US have contributed to the efforts of the organization with enormously positive experiences.

32. Boy Scouts of America Jain Religion Emblem Awards Program

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Begin the adventure: Bring the best of both Jain principles and scouting experiences together to share the strengths for developing youth with confidence, character and excellent attitudes. Register now. Join Today.

33. IAAMJV (International Alumni Association of Shri Mahavira Jain Vidyalaya)

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Founded in 1991, IAAMJV is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to professional education in the Jain community. It has initiated three interest-free Loan Scholarship Programs averaging \$90,000 per year available to any Jain student irrespective of sect or region.

34. Jain Food: Compassionate and Healthy Cooking

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Jain Food: Compassionate and Healthy Eating, will enlighten you about a unique Jain way of life diet. This book also answers many questions about Jain food in the context of traditional practices and contemporary lifestyles.

35. Jain Scriptures Swadhyay in your Temple

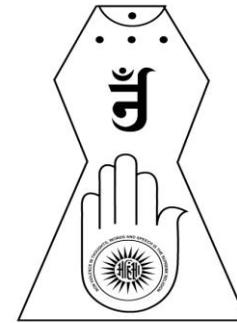
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In addition to Murti darshan, now visitors to Jain temples can do a quick Swadhyay of the scriptures. Non-Jain visitors can learn about Jainism. 12 or 24 posters have been developed. The posters are available online on www.JAINA.org.

36. Jain Paintings

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These samples are just a few of the many hand paintings inspired by Jain philosophy and practice. Shown here are paintings of **Guṇasthāna** ("levels of Growth").



NON-VIOLENCE
LIVE AND HELP LIVE

Jainism is a religion and a way of life. For thousands of years, Jains have been practicing vegetarianism, yoga, meditation and environmentalism.

Jains have three core principles:

Non-Violence is compassion and forgiveness in thoughts, words, and deeds towards all living beings. For this reason, Jains are vegetarians.

Non-Absolutism is respecting views of others. Jains encourage dialog and harmony with other faiths.

Non-Possessiveness is the balancing of needs and desires, while staying detached from our possessions.

These core principles will help us manage our anger, ego, deceit, and greed. Jains believe in existence of soul – in each living being- which is eternal and divine. The Jain Way of Life (JWOL) respects and honors all living beings. We are all independent and, by living a JWOL we can bring peace and spirituality to our lives and those around us.

www.JAINA.org An online Jain community to CONNECT-COMMUNICATE-COLLABORATE

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Innovative Jain Projects in North America -Poster Presentation

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JAINA and Jains in North America have done tremendous work in sharing and educating us on Jain philosophy and Jain Way of Life. This work is reflected in over 35 inspiring projects which are being exhibited at the **JAINA Convention 2011** and on **www.JAINA.org**. The leaders of these projects welcome volunteers to continue expanding and promoting the projects in North America among Jains and Non-Jains. Volunteer your time. Furthermore these projects need your financial support. Your generous donations will support and accelerate these projects. Thank you.

This project exhibition was jointly sponsored by JAINA and Jain Center of Greater Boston. Project team includes Yogendra Jain (Chairman JAINA Long Range Planning, JCGB Director), Khushbu Vora (YJA, JCGB), Shashank Jain (JCGB), Kripi Chhabra (Jain Society of Houston) and Rohan Lathia (JCGB). Also, thanks to many other volunteers, project leaders and committee members for their support.

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JAINA Committee Projects 13-23

1. What is JAINA

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The Federation of Jain Associations in North America (JAINA) is an umbrella organization of local JAIN Associations (Sanghas) in USA and Canada. JAINA's mission is to preserve, practice and promote Jain Dharma and Jain Way of Life.

2. Jain Mentorship Program

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The Jain Mentorship Program (JMP) is a project led by members of YJP and YJA. Our mission is to unite Jains by facilitating mentor-mentee relationships to foster growth in career and personal development. All Jains high-school level and up can sign-up. Please visit <http://www.jaina.org/mentorship>.

3. Jain World

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Jain World is the most visited Jain website. Developed and maintained by only volunteer effort, the team now offers 24L: Jain World in 24 different world languages.

4. JAINA Office Manager

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JAINA is growing with over 80 organizations under its umbrella. We need to have a professionally staffed full time Executive Director which can take JAINA to the "next level." Are you interested in applying for this paid position or doing volunteer work for JAINA?

5. JAINA and Jainism Brochures

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The Jainism Brochure provides a simple introduction to Jain principles. The JAINA Brochure explains the functions of JAINA and its accomplishments. Each Jain Center is encouraged to order 100-500 of each brochure through JAINA.

6a. Incorporating the Vegan Diet into the Jain Way of Life

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Should Jains refrain from dairy products as they refrain from root vegetables? Should Ghee be used in arti? Should dairy based food be served in Jain centers? Is there a scriptural basis to being vegan? This new project is exploring these questions to help Jains make informed decisions.

6b. Plant Based School Meal Program in US

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Great boon for young Jains! A new law mandates plant based meal in all US public schools. This committee actively supported PCRM (Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine). PCRM did the early research, lobbying, and is helping in implementation of this law. Jain families should ask local schools to ensure that this law is implemented.

7. Elevator Pitch

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When Jains are asked the question "what is Jainism" – most answers are garbled, confusing, and wrong! After hundreds of hours of work, the JAINA team has developed a short "elevator pitch" on Jainism. We have also created a video on YouTube that has received over 50K hits. The goal is for all Jains to develop a common, clear, concise, and accurate response to this question. These pitch cards are available on request.

8. JCGB/JAINA Directory Project

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Jain Directory published by Jain Center of Greater Boston, has been a huge success in social and marriage networking. The first edition was published in 1979 listing 900 families. Subsequent editions were published in 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2005 with 8000 families.

9. Prarthana and Samayik Books and Audio CD

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The Jain Prarthanas and Samayik Sutra books and accompanying audio CD are essential materials for youth born in NA. The Prarthanas are presented with light symphonic music, and the Sutras are recited by the youth born in USA. Listening to this CD frequently, children and parents will be able to recite the Prarthanas and Sutras with correct pronunciations.

10. Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth-99

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JAINA is proud to announce a historic, once in a lifetime event: The Ninety-Nine Yatra Event. It will take place at Palitana, India from November 10, 2011 to January 9, 2012. Cost per yatri: \$1200.00. Last day for registration: August 31st 2011.

11. Vandana – English Transliterated Guide to Jain Stavans

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By providing English transliteration of the traditional (Hindi/Gujarati) books and commentary for each song, we hope to provide a meaningful and enjoyable experience in participating in musical bhavana. The carefully selected collection of Jain songs are created especially for today's generation of Jain youth.

12. Jain Way of Life - Handbook on Compassionate, Happy, and Healthy Jain Living

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This book has sold over 3000 copies and defines Jain Way of Life in North America. Jain Way of Life is ideal for mix, youths, parents, and mixed married couples as well as Jains who have recently moved to the US. Many Pathshalas across the US are using this for High School level classes.

13. Material for Pathshala (Sunday School)

JAINA Education Committee

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JAINA Education books provide a lively introduction of Jainism to our children. These full-color books uniquely connect Jain principles to everyday life through stories from scriptures and more modern parables. Also included are the practical views of Jainism, such as yoga, healthy nutrition, non-attachment to consumer goods, and respect for the environment.

14. Charting the Future of Jains and Jainism in NA- Long Range Planning Committee

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The LRP committee developed a vision/mission for JAINA (to Live and Share a Jain Way of Life), an elevator pitch, the Jain Way of Life Handbook, and Jain Leadership sessions. It also manages the www.JAINA.org membership management portal. Our next major goal is to strengthen our infrastructure by developing a strong and professionally staffed JAINA office and continue supporting the many Jain projects taking place in NA.

15. www.JAINA.org

Technology Committee

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The Technology Committee develops and maintains the IT infrastructure for JAINA, JAINA Committees, Jain Centers, and Jain Community members. The scope of this committee includes the JAINA web portal, Convention registration system, Jain Networking Functions, Group emails, Online Payment processing, Domain Name registration and maintenance, Webserver management, Technology support, etc.

16. Humanitarian Projects

World Community Services Committee

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The WCS committee has raised over \$1 million in donations to aid relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina, the Gujarat earthquake, and the Haiti earthquake and has effectively distributed funds and aid to people suffering from these natural disasters. WCS also participates in health camps.

17. JAINA Calendar

Calendar Committee

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The JAINA Calendar Committee launches a Jain Calendar every year with important Jain holidays as well as other universal holidays. This makes it easier to incorporate Jain traditions into modern-day living. It also features magnificent images of Jain Temples in India to show their beauty and significance.

18. The Coffee Table book

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The Jain Tirth Yatra Coffee Table Book is a project under the JAINA Calendar committee. It features detailed descriptions of ancient Temples throughout India. It focuses on their architecture and structural significance to Jainism. The book is in the process of being ready to launch in the coming year.

19. Mangalam the Jain TV Show Media Production Committee

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With its 100th episode recently broadcast, Mangalam is the only nonsectarian Jain TV show. It focuses on youth-related programming.

- Dish Network (U.S.) Channel 797 Saturday at 9:00AM and Tuesday at 11:00AM
- Sky Digital (UK & Ireland) Channel 817 Sunday at 9:00 AM
- World TV (Europe) Channel 5 Sunday at 9:00 AM
- Rogers Cable (Canada) Channel 580 Saturday at 9:30AM

20. Jain Academic Studies: Strategies for Growth Academic Liaison Committee

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Over 150 scholars have learned Jainism in India through our summer scholarship program. Many of these scholars now teach courses in Jainism in NA and around the world.

21. Jain Network Forum- JNF

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JNF is a JAINA Committee formed in 2001, to create and maintain online profiles of candidates. JNF online database provides an opportunity to registered candidates to complete their online profile and also search other profiles online.

22. JAINA Interfaith Committee

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The Interfaith committee represents Jains and Jainism in local and global forums. The team has participated in events in Melbourne, Montreal, Monterrey, Istanbul, Taiwan and Barcelona and is now preparing for the upcoming 2014 Parliament in Brussels and additional interfaith forums.

23. Adhyatmic Committee

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The Adhyatmic Committee educates adults and children about Jain Adhyatma. We arrange a lecture series of dedicated scholars from India, conduct Adhyatmic Shibirs / Seminars / Workshops, prepare appropriate educational materials, and help various centers in running Pathshalas.