



Operating Principles, Policies and Procedures
Hindu Temple and Cultural Center at 1740 Jervey Avenue, Charleston SC 29407
Approved by the STCC Board of Trustees, October 31, 2010

Communication Process:

All our communications will be addressed as “Dear Devotees, Jai Shri Ram, Jai Shri Krishna”. Signature line: Regards, Executive Committee, Sanatan Temple and Cultural Center of South Carolina. Frequency: Weekly e-mail titled “This week at your temple” will be sent on Tuesday nights or Wednesday mornings to all devotees who have voluntarily provided us their emails. The purpose of the list serve is to facilitate two-way communication between STCC of SC and the devotees. It will not be used for mass mailings of communications from any other entities.

Operating Hours and Visitation:

These are posted on the premise and are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee. We will give advance notice to devotees via email before making any changes to minimize any inconvenience. The Temple is open to the public from 5-7 pm every Saturday and 11 am - 1 pm every Sunday. It is also open at other times for other activities sponsored or approved by the Executive Committee. All persons who abide by posted rules and regulations concerning attire and behavior are welcome to visit the Temple during any activity open to the public. Certain activities may be restricted to only dues-paying members. Anyone visiting the Temple must wear appropriate casual or business attire. Beachwear and swimsuits are not allowed in the Temple. It is not required but permissible to cover hair or wear a hat while visiting the Temple. However, foot wear such as shoes and sandals must be removed and stored in the shoe room prior to entering the Temple. Socks may be worn. Devotees are encouraged to sign in the visitor log each time they visit the Temple and provide us updated information to facilitate better communication. Devotees are requested to maintain serene, dignified silence inside the Temple. Food and drinks, and cell phone use is not allowed in the Temple. Socialization is encouraged in the community center. Suggestions for improving Temple function are welcome and may be left in the box next to the Visitor Log or sent to us via email at stccofsc@gmail.com or US mail at P.O.Box 80841, Charleston, SC 29416.

Donations to STCC / Hindu Temple and Cultural Center:

Donations of cash, fresh flowers, fruits and prasada and volunteer services to the Temple are welcome and much appreciated. The Temple is not accepting any donations of items such as God's photographs, murtis, decorations, at the present time. All devotees are requested not to bring such donations to the Temple.

Lost and Found:

STCC will make reasonable effort to find the owners of items including God's photographs, murtis, decorations left in the Temple through "lost and found" announcements in our weekly communications. STCC bears no legal responsibility to determine the ownership of such items or to return them to the owners.