



VPA 11 E-Newsletter

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We look forward to seeing you at the convention this week.

Please remember that online registration is still open. If you have problems registering online. Here are a few tips:

In case of this error:

Paypal Transaction Error, On the PayPal Screen after entering CC#, Exp Date and CCV #, it requires us to enter Home Phone #. For some reason, the prompt for Home Phone # overlaps with some other text instead of being on a separate line. It is easy to miss entering the Phone # which is now required. If you have encountered problems, please key in the Phone # with the other credit card details

FORUMS & SERVICES:

A Big Welcome to you all to Houston. We invite you to come and enjoy the long weekend with us. We look forward to seeing you all at the convention.

A Quick Update: Our Website has been updated with the latest and greatest , including the Program & Events Schedule. Check out www.myvpa.org/2009

Here are some notes from the 11th VPA Convention Committee:

At the very core of our heritage and my own heart is family. I believe it is because of the tireless efforts and support of our kin that many of us are as accomplished as we are today. We work to find ways to carry on our traditions in this new land we have chosen to be our home and bolster one another in our varied endeavors.

My wife Saroja and I are elated to have this opportunity to join all of you to celebrate our rich cultural lineage, applaud the achievements of our community and advance the ambitions for our society. We hope all of you have a safe journey into Houston and we look forward to the merriment the 11th Bi-Annual VPA Convention is bound to offer.

Dr. Viswamitra

A Great big Welcome to you all to Houston! The count down in days has begun for the long awaited event. We cordially invite you with family to the convention. An exciting time to be had by one and all. It would be our delight to see you at the convention.

-Dinesh & Roopa Gowda

- CONTINUED
MEDICAL EDUCATION
- WOMENS FORUM
- YOUTH FORUM
- BUSINESS FORUM
- SINGLES MEET
- VPA HEALTH
SCREEN (NEW)

Visit www.myvpa.org/2009 for more updated details

Check out

Singles Meet

Sign up at

www.vpamatch.com

**Check out Youth Forum
onFACEBOOK**

Group:

2009 VPA Youth Forum

The time for our 11th VPA convention is here at last!
Come join your Family and Friends.
Let us entertain you with Food, Fun, and Fireworks!!
-Asha and Shiva Satish

We welcome you to Houston, our home for the past 22 years. Please come and enjoy our southern hospitality. This convention is a culmination of months of planning and hours of tireless work. With a salute to our team, We extend a Hearty Welcome to you.
-Venkatesh & Raji Gowda

Notes from the Hospitality Committee:

The Hospitality Committee welcomes you and hope you have a safe arrival in Houston.

**Please email: Ranganath Gowda - rgowda@gmail.com
Or Kavitha Gowda - gowda_kavitha@hotmail.com to contact the Hospitality Committee.**

Some Helpful Information.



Travel should take you places®

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Hilton Houston Post Oak

2001 Post Oak Blvd., Houston, Texas, United States 77056-4401
Tel: 1-713-961-9300 Fax: 1-713-623-6685

Directions and Transportation

Directions to our Hotel

From Downtown Houston to Hotel:

Start out going Northwest on Lamar St toward Travis St. Turn right on Travis St. Stay straight onto Memorial Dr. Turn slight left onto Woodway Dr. Turn left onto W. Loop Fwy N. Turn right on Post Oak Blvd. Go through four traffic light intersections. The hotel is on your left, 2001 Post Oak Blvd.

Local Airports

■ Houston Intercontinental Airport

- Distance from hotel: 28 mi.
- Drive time: 35 min.

Directions: Take JFK to Beltway 8 W. Take Beltway 8 to I-45 S to Downtown. Take I-610 W to I-610 S. Exit Post Oak Blvd, turn right on Post Oak Blvd, pass through 4 traffic lights. Drive is on left.

Get turn by turn directions.

Transportation to and from the Airport

Type	Typical Minimum Charge
Super Shuttle	24.00 USD
Rental Car	45.00 USD
Taxi	56.00 USD

■ William P. Hobby Airport

- Distance from hotel: 17 mi.
- Drive time: 25 min.

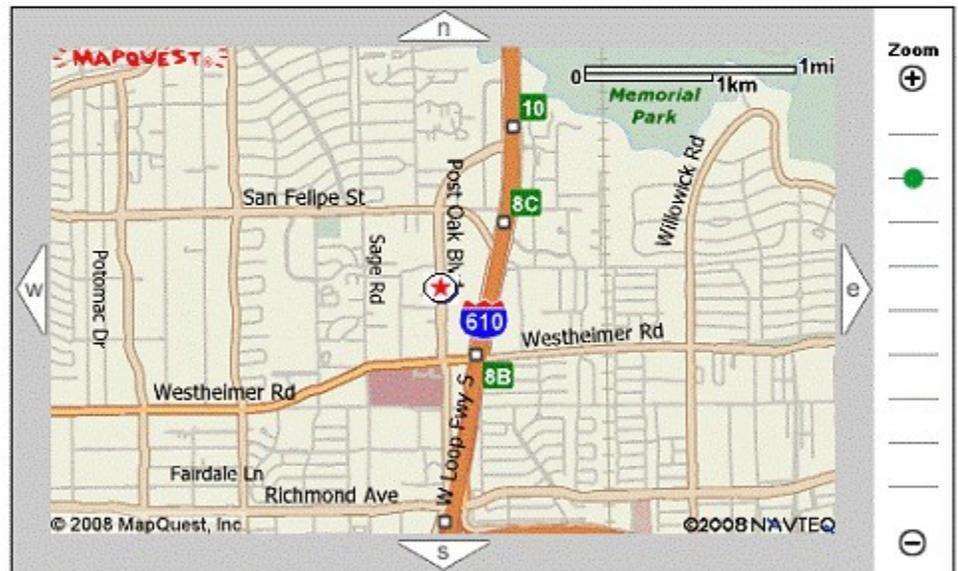
Directions: Exit Airport Blvd, turn left on Broadway. Turn left on I-45 N. Follow to I-610 W then I-610 N. Exit Westheimer, turn left. At first traffic light turn right. Driveway is on right.

Get turn by turn directions.

Transportation to and from the Airport

Type	Typical Minimum Charge
Super Shuttle	19.00 USD
Rental Car	45.00 USD
Taxi	35.00 USD

Local Map



Note: The map and directions are informational only. Please verify specific routes. The map and directions shown are provided as a guide for your convenience.

Hotel Parking

Self Parking:	14.00 USD Daily Events Vary
Valet Parking:	25.00 USD \$12 for Daily Events
In/Out Privileges:	Available
Secured:	Available

Please note that the Self parking at the Hotel is free for VPA Overnight Guests. Please take the parking entry ticket to the front desk and they will be able to help you.

Please email us at conventionchair@yahoo.com for more details.