

In an effort to better serve guests with physical disabilities and/or limited mobility, the Science of the Soul Study Centers in the USA have developed Special Needs Passes to permit access to a limited number of special parking spaces and/or to the Special Needs seating areas.

## Please note the following rules and policies

1. If you need to sit in a wheelchair or cannot walk, **you must rent or bring your own wheelchair or mobility device** to the site. The Center has no devices to loan. Businesses that rent wheelchairs are listed below.
2. Those entering with a Special Needs Pass who have special aids or equipment of any sort, need assistance or hearing enhancement, will be seated in the Special Needs sections.
3. Only those who *need* assistance may request seating for a companion, and the companion must remain with the cardholder. Other family members/spouses will be asked to enter and sit with the general sangat.
4. Either a male or a female companion may accompany the Special Needs cardholder into the companion restroom. Please do not expect this service from sevadars.
5. Please bring your Special Needs Passes with you each day of the Satsang Program.

## When and how to apply

1. **You must apply every year** if you wish to attend any Satsang Program where the Master will be present. Please complete the application form and return it to your local Secretary who will review it for accuracy, sign it, and forward it to the Special Needs sevadar at the Satsang Program Center.
2. If you are not affiliated with or are unable to reach a local satsang center, please call the Special Needs sevadar at 707-981-4660 or email the Special Needs team at [specialneeds.wr@gmail.com](mailto:specialneeds.wr@gmail.com)
3. If you have other questions, please call the Special Needs sevadar at 707-981-4660.
4. **For Secretaries:** Mail the application to Science of the Soul Study Center, 2415 E. Washington St., Petaluma, CA. 94954, ATTN: Special Needs sevadar.

## State Handicapped Placard and Mobility-Impaired parking rules

Those with Special Needs Passes or State Handicapped Placards may be dropped off at the Hall along with their canes, attendants, walkers and/or wheelchairs. If handicapped lots are both full, the cardholder may still be dropped off, but the driver will have to park in the overflow lot. Shuttle service will be provided from the overflow lot to the Hall.

## Other concerns

1. Those requiring medications or special diets are asked to bring an ample supply with them. **The Center will not provide any medications or prescriptions for medications.** Those with a diabetic condition, blood sugar issues or allergy issues are encouraged to carry what they need to deal with their condition.
2. **Hearing Services:** Audio enhanced headsets are available for hearing assist. If needed, simultaneous transcription on a video monitor ASL (American Sign Language) translation may be provided depending upon availability. Please contact Special Needs if you require this service.
3. Only certified service animals are permitted.

**The Tour site is quite large** and distances from the parking areas to the Hall and to the areas where meals are served are substantial, in some cases up to ¼ or ½ mile. Those needing assistance in moving around the site are requested to bring their canes, scooters, walkers or wheelchairs.

**Wheelchair rental in Petaluma area** – It is best to call to arrange for rental before you arrive.

**Pacific Medical Supply**  
620 Petaluma Blvd. North, #A  
Petaluma, CA 94952  
707-769-9606

**Sonoma Surgical Supply**  
4975 Sonoma Highway, CA-12  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409  
707-539-5151

**Redwood Empire Med Supply**  
6620 Redwood Drive  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928  
707-585-6800

**Petaluma Satsang Program**

To obtain Special Needs seating and/or Mobility-Impaired Parking Passes for events during 2019, please read and follow instructions on reverse and at the bottom of this form.

**Please return your completed application to your local Secretary by June 15, 2019.**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Male [ ] Female Birth Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Sangat: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU NEED A WHEELCHAIR, YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN – THE CENTER DOES NOT FURNISH EQUIPMENT**

See the **Medical Resources** sheet for information about local wheelchair rentals.

**Special Needs Hall SEATING Requirements** (check all that apply)

- Wheelchair space or other space needed for **the equipment you are bringing**:
  - Manual  Motorized  Reclining  Scooter  Walker  Crutches  Canes
- Audio enhancement (headsets available in general sangat area)
- Closed Captioning or ASL (based on availability) (English only)
- Simultaneous translation desired, from Indian languages into:  English  Spanish
- Other aid you will bring with you (please check all that apply):
  - Companion  Oxygen  Certified Service Animal  Other: (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs PARKING Requirements**

- I have a DMV issued placard or license plate (which admits me to Mobility-Impaired parking)
- I DO NOT have a DMV issued plate or placard but I need a Mobility-Impaired Parking Pass because:

**SEATING** – Only those who have a **Special Needs Access Card** (and their companion, if needed) are eligible for Special Needs Seating. **\*\*SPECIAL NEEDS SEATING IS NOT IN THE FRONT OF THE HALL\*\***

Keep your Special Needs Access Card with you at all times.

**DROP OFF** – Your Special Needs Access Card, DMV placard and/or Mobility-Impaired Parking Pass allows drop off at the Special Needs/Mobility-Impaired drop off locations. If you are parking in the Special Needs area, please hang your Mobility-Impaired Parking Pass or your DMV placard on the rearview mirror. If you do not have either a DMV placard or Parking Pass, the driver must proceed to the General Parking area after the Special Needs cardholder has been dropped off.

By signing this application form I consent to processing by RSSB-A, RSSB and Science of the Soul<sup>®</sup>-America and its affiliated societies of the personal data on this application form, to the use of this data to the extent necessary to achieve the purpose of this application and consent to receive email (Please refer to the privacy policy concerning personal data at [www.rssb.org](http://www.rssb.org)). Also, my signature indicates my AGREEMENT to the rules and policies regarding this event:

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_