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"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass. . .it's about learning how to dance in the rain." - Anonymous

## In Touch

### It's Pride Weekend!

The next Pride meeting is the **BIGGEST** of all, because it's the actual event! You have all hopefully received the e-mail with the details Siva provided, but once again, here are the highlights:

1. We are **vehicle M325** and will be **located toward the middle-end** of the parade.
2. To get to the float staging area, please proceed as follows: From Yonge/Bloor, walk one block east to Park Rd., turn left (north) and walk to Rosedale Valley Rd., turn right and follow the vehicles until you see ours. If you are part of our building/set-up crew, **please meet us at the vehicle at 9 a.m.** to begin decorating.

If you are marching with us (yay!), **please begin arriving at 12 p.m. and do not arrive later than 1:30 p.m. as it becomes too busy to place people.**

The parade itself runs approximately from 2-4 and then our tear-down crew gets its chance to shine!

For the parade, please remember that our theme is *Sex and the Village*. Dress appropriately in South Asian Village wear, use Google if you're unsure what that entails. There will be some saris, but they're limited, so please bring your own clothing--- gender bending is encouraged as well. The weather may include rain, but there will be sun as well, so please bring sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, and other appropriate gear. We will have some food and water, but bring other snacks you may need. If you have one, please also bring your ASAAP t-shirt, again, we'll have a few extras but just a few. Looking forward to another great march!

### Dyke March participation

Women (and Trans people) - we need you! Pride 2009 is full of women/trans-centred events and ASAAP is not only going to take part, we are going to take action! If you are interested in participating in the **Dyke March on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** or any other event, please contact us. We need women/trans people to march, shout and stride because this year you can't stop/won't stop us at Pride!! For complete event and participation details, please contact [womenoutreach@asaap.ca](mailto:womenoutreach@asaap.ca). Please meet **Poonam at ASAAP at 12 p.m. tomorrow** to head over to the Dyke March! It's time for women to raise a hand, take a stand and command attention!



# Post-Pride fun

I'm sure you're asking: after Pride, what's next? Well good, because I'm about to tell you! ASAAP has plenty of large and not-so-large events in the coming months. They include:

Masala! Mehndi! Masti! which is coming up **July 24-26** and Best Community Organisation-winner ASAAP will be doing outreach all three days and we'll need volunteers for all types of help! Don't miss it. Contact Mohini at [education@asaap.ca](mailto:education@asaap.ca) for more!

Also on its way is the AIDS Walk, to be held Sunday Sept. 13. Watch this space for more info about the ASAAP team in the walk this year!

There is also a South Asian Women's Conference that ASAAP will be speaking briefly at, details are at <http://newreality.conference.yorku.ca/> if you're interested in attending!

Lastly, our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary fundraiser is coming soon to a banquet hall near you. It WILL be here in the fall, watch for more details!

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Happy Pride to one and all!

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