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|    **Ramanavami  Utsavam** **(Event sponsored by Austin India Fine Arts)**Rules and GuidelinesRegistration is mandatory to participate in the essay competition (please use the registration form attached below – you may also find this registration form on the IFA website –www.austinifa.org – and at the Austin Hindu Temple)1. Registration fee is $10.00 per entry and should accompany the registration form
2. There are two categories for participants:
	* Group I: Ages 7-11
	* Group II: Ages 12-16
3. The essay should be about Lord Rama and should be written relevant to the titles below:

*Group I*: In the great epic Ramayana,Lord Rama has 3 brothers namely Bharatha, Sathrughna and Lakshmana. Choose the brother you like the most explaining why. Also describe the role played by him in the story of Ramayana *Group II*: The great epic Ramayana was written by Valmiki around the second century B.C. To this day, it has retained its universal appeal and a unique hold, on the people of India. Write an essay describing the role the Ramayana has played in day-to-day life. (Include both positives and negatives) The essay should not exceed 500 words. It should be in the participant’s own words. Non-original work will be disqualified (No Picture Illustration Allowed)1. Deadline for registration is March 5, 2017. Final essays must be submitted no later than March 15, 2017. Registration at “austinifa.org” or by mail to: 9917 Spicewood Mesa, Austin, TX 78759. Soft copy of the essays should be emailed to rama.essay2017@gmail.com or jnagarajan@aol.com
2. Please note that we \*will\* need soft copies in Microsoft Word format to enable us to send to our judges. First and second cash prizes will be awarded in each category. Prizes will be awarded at the Ramanavami Utsavam. Participants must be present.  Please email rama.essay2017@gmail.com in case of any questions.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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  Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Registration Deadline: March 5, 2017.** Please remember to email your registration to rama.essay2017@gmail.com, jnagarajan@aol.com or mail to: 9917 Spicewood Mesa, Austin, TX 78759. Do not forget to attach your registration fee ($10.00) with your registration. Please make all checks payable to “India Fine Arts”. You may also make this payment using PayPal. |
| Note:- If there are not enough entries , the essay competition will be cancelled |

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