

Bharatiya Temple of Lansing

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celebrates

SKANDA SHASHTI MAHOTSAV

October 18 – October 23, 2009



Program

Oct. 18 Sunday

10:00 to 11:30 AM Ganapati Puja, Abhishekam, Arati

Oct. 19 Monday

7:00 to 8:30 PM Abhishekam, Arati

Oct. 20 Tuesday

6:30 to 7:30 PM Abhishekam, Arati

Oct. 21-22 Wednesday-Thursday

7:00 to 8:00 PM Abhishekam, Arati

Oct. 23 Friday

11 to 11:45 AM Sahasranamam
6:00 PM Paal Kudam/Kavadi (procession around temple with milk pots)
6:30 PM Abhishekam
7:30 PM Vivaham (marriage) of Lord Skanda (Murugan) to Devasena and Valli
8:30 PM Arati
8:40 PM Dinner

We cordially invite you to attend the Mahotsav with your family and friends. We also request your sponsorship of the festival, choosing from among the following options.

Sponsorship of Abhishekam (on any of the 6 days): \$51.

Sponsorship of Sahasranamam (on the final day, Oct. 23): \$21

Sponsorship of Kavadi (on the final day, Oct. 23): \$21

Sponsorship of Vivaham (on the final day, Oct. 23): \$51

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SKANDA SHASHTI

Skanda Shashti is the most important festival for Lord Skanda (Subrahmanya or Murugan) who, like Hanuman, is associated with power, strength, and victory. The festival commemorates the Lord's victory over the demon king Surapadma and his army. Indra, lord of the devas, in gratitude for the release of the devas from the prisons of Surapadma, offered his daughter Devasena in Vivaham (marriage) to Lord Skanda. Later, Skanda also marries Valli, born as a hunter's daughter but in reality a goddess. In many places, including our temple, the festival commences six days prior to Shashti; during these days, people read and recite various hymns and stories connected with the Lord and offer Him worship. The Vivaham ceremony on the final day celebrates the marriage of Lord Skanda to both Devasena and Valli. This is the ninth year we are celebrating the festival at our temple. As in past years, we are counting on our devotees' enthusiastic support and participation to make the festival a grand success.

SPONSORSHIP DETAILS

All checks should be written to the "Bharatiya Temple of Lansing" and handed over to one of the persons listed on the other side (Mathi Ramachandran, Umachandran Sivanesan, Suseela Umakanth, or Sudarsan Vaithu) or to Shastriji. It will be helpful if you inform us of your sponsorship choices in advance.

Your help with food preparations on the final day (October 23) will also be appreciated. Please contact Priya Mathi, phone: 517-324-5424, e-mail: priya_tps@yahoo.com, with your offer to help with food preparation.