



## Austin Hindu Temple and Community Center

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# Thai Poosam

**Saturday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2016**



### Program

**Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 6:00 pm** - Kalasa Pooja, Kaavadi Pooja and Skanda Homam

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday 8:30 am** - Paal Kudam and Kaavadi Procession, Abhishekam to Lord Subramanya, Skanda Sashti Kavacham Recital and Maha Mangala Aarathi

### Sponsorship

**Paal Kudam: \$21, Kaavadi or Homam: \$51**

**Full Event Sponsorship: \$116**

**Mala or Vastram Sponsorship: \$101**

A festival occurring in the Tamil month Thai (January - February), on the day of the star Poosam around Pournami (Full Moon) is celebrated as Thaipusam [Thai Poosam]. There are several legends about the festival Thaipusam. The main one is about a demon named Tharakasuran who gave a lot of trouble to the rishis and saints. Lord Muruga was called by his parents Lord Shiva and Parvati and given the task of destroying the Asuran. Lord Muruga set off with the blessings of his parents to destroy the demon. He took with him twelve weapons, eleven of which were given by his father Lord Shiva and the 'Vel' given by his mother Parvati. Lord Muruga destroyed Tharakasuran on the Poosam Nakshatra day in the Tamil month of Thai and hence Thai Poosam is celebrated in all Murugan temples.

**Please bring some fruits, flowers, coconut and any food item for Prasadam (without onion).**

Call (512) 927 0000 for sponsorship and additional information.

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