



Austin Hindu Temple & Community Center Presents...

इनो jagannath ratha yatra



June 25 (Sunday) 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The famous Rath Yatra symbolizes universal brotherhood, equality and inclusiveness of the highest order. The colors of the Deities (black forLord Jagannath, white for Lord Balabhadra and yellow for Devi Subhadra) represent the colors of the various races on earth. The Ratha (chariot) is a metaphor. It is a vehicle, a means to an end. Human life is a journey with an ultimate goal of moksha or liberation by being united with God. Lord Jagannath, as the soul is seated in the body chariot. The body chariot cannot move without the soul, Jagannath, the charioteer. When the charioteer is in full control with the mind as its bridle, the sense horses are in perfect control, making one's life peaceful and blissful.

Tentative Schedule

10:30 am - Jagannath Parivar Puja / Ratha Anukula Homam

11:00 am - Devotional Songs / Classical Dance Offering

11:45 am - Deities Taken to Ratha (Pahandi)

12:15 pm - Ceremonial Sweeping of Ratha (Chhera Pahanra)

12:30 pm - Rath Pulling Begins

01:30 pm - Rath Pulling Ends/Aarati

02:00 pm - Mahaprasad sevana

