

North Texas Hindu Mandir



Sunday Morning Service Schedule

9:45 AM Begin Murti Pujas

Kirtan – begin service with opening Mantras

Kirtan – start with Ganesha Bhajan and continue with bhajans until start of Shivling Abesheik

10:00 AM Pandit will initiate prayer mantras to begin Shivling Abishek
begin Lingastakam when initiated by Pandit

Kirtan – sing Lingashtakam when prompted by Pandit, followed by Shiva Bhajans until the end of Abesheik

10:15 AM Offer prasad at the base of the Shivling

Kirtan – sing appropriate Bhog Bhajan and continue with Bhajans

10:30 AM Begin Havan

Kirtan – stop all singing

10:45 AM Sing Chalisa in transition to discourse

11:00 AM Begin discourse

Kirtan – will chorus for songs led by Vyas Leader

12:00 Noon Begin Aarti

Please note that any special program may preempt the above schedule.

Your support for North Texas Hindu Mandir is greatly appreciated.

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Kirtan Guidelines

Thank you to all our members for participating with the N.T.H.M. Kirtan

Please adhere to the following guidelines so we can have harmonious and spiritually enhancing services:

1. Due to the limited time during each service and the desire to afford all devotees an opportunity to participate, we will use the round robin process.
 - a. Each participant will sing one song when called upon to sing (keep songs short and don't sing back to back songs),
 - b. A second song may be sung after we have completed one round giving as many folks an opportunity to sing once.
2. Please be polite to all fellow Kirtan participants, our Pandits, and guests. Don't make disruptive remarks or demean any individual, and don't make fun of others ability or inability to sing well. We will have coaching class to help improve our abilities.
3. Please be punctual arriving prior to the start of all services.
4. Please be prepared by having your songs ready when you are called upon to sing.
5. Please allow devotees who have not had a chance to sing during the prior service to sing first. The courtesy of giving others opportunities is an example of a higher form of devotion in action.
6. Only use the Wireless Microphones for Kirtan, there is only one Lead microphone it has the orange tape around it and is set at a higher volume, all the others are set to the chorus level. Do not use the Sinhasen microphone since it is set for Pandit Mahendra's voice levels for his discourse. Do not use the Uncle Jai's vocal microphone as it is set up specifically for his voice levels.
7. Please share your microphones since we have a limited number of microphones.
8. Please participate by chorusing appropriately while others sing, even if you don't have a microphone. Try not to be louder than the lead singer.
9. Please try and sing at a soothing volume that is on par with others as it enhances the spiritual environment.
10. Tabla and Dholak
 - a. We have only two microphone set ups for drums, if they are occupied additional players may perform without microphones.
 - b. Please play at the same level with your fellow player so we can have a harmonious environment. Your volume level will be dropped if you are too loud.
11. Please note that devotees have complained about our music being too loud, so only the President and individuals authorized by him will be allowed to make any adjustments to the sound system.
12. Please attend our Kirtan practice and coaching sessions as it helps to improve our abilities. This is a recommendation and shall not be used as a rule to deprive devotees from participating in Kirtan.
13. NTHM Kirtan is not owned by an individual or subgroup, it is open to all devotees that participate with openness and without prejudice
14. Finally, thank you for you continued support.