



Austin Hindu Temple &
Community Center Presents...

इरी jagannath ratha yatra



July 14th 2018 (Saturday) 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The famous Rath Yatra symbolizes universal brotherhood, equality and inclusiveness of the highest order. The colors of the Deities (black for Lord 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

- 5:00 pm - Jagannath Parivar Puja/Ratha Anukula Homam
- 5:30 pm - Devotional Songs/Classical Dance
- 6:15 pm - Pahandi (Deities taken to Ratha)
- 6:45 pm - Chhera Pahanra (Ceremonial Sweeping of Ratha)
- 7:00 pm - Ratha Pulling Begins
- 8:00 pm - Ratha Pulling Ends/Aarati
- 8:30 pm - Deities taken to Ganesh Temple
- 8:35 pm - Jagannath Prasad Sevana



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