



*The Austin Hindu Temple  
& Community Center  
Celebrates  
**KARVA CHAETH**  
Saturday, October 27th, 2018*

**Program Details**

- 6:30 pm: 1<sup>st</sup> batch Karva Chauth Pooja
- 7:30 pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> batch Karva Chauth Pooja
- 8:30 pm: Bhajan / Aarthi
- 9:26 pm: Moon rise Pooja/Break the fasting

**Suggested Donation: \$21**

- The pooja will be performed in Guru Mandir*



'Karva Chauth' is the festival observed by the married women to ensure wedded bliss and wishing long life for their husbands and children. A married woman who observes this fast is called 'Saubhagyavati' (joyous and happy state of wifhood). On this day woman apply mehendi (henna) on their hands and worships the moon. The Karva chauth is observed on the fourth day of the dark fortnight of Ashwin, which is also called Kartik according to some calendars. The important rituals include worshipping 'karvas' spherical clay pots with symbols for married women and sweets. They are later exchanged with other married women. People observe fasts all days long, and then worship the 'karva' and the elderly woman of the family narrates the legend of Karva Chauth (the narration of Vrata Katha). Then they wait for the moon to rise and as soon as the moon is sighted, prayers are offered to the moon. The fasting women first observe the moon through a sieve and then break their fast. The first sip of water and the first bite of food are offered by the husband. This festival is observed mostly in Punjab, U.P., Rajasthan and Gujarat.

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