



# Austin Hindu Temple And Community Center

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## Thai Poosam 2020



**February 7<sup>th</sup> 2020, Friday**  
**Starting at 6:30 pm**

**Paal Kudam and Kaavadi Procession**  
**Abhishekam to Lord Subramanya, Skanda Sashti Kavacham Recital**  
**Swamy Pallakku Seva and Aarathi**

**Sponsorship (Please confirm at this link to reserve any of the following)**

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

**Garland Sponsorship: \$101**

**Full Event Sponsorship: \$116**

(Garland or event sponsorship includes Paal Kudam/Kaavadi for family members)

Thaipusam festival is celebrated in the Tamil month Thai (January - February), on the day of the star Poosam around the thidhi, Pournami (Full Moon). 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 sets 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 Prasadam**

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