



Shiva-Vishnu Temple

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OPEN-AIR WEDDINGS AT THE SHIVA-VISHNU TEMPLE

(Note: HCCC will fully comply COVID restrictions mandated by the Government. Please check with the Facilities Manager for the current restrictions in force and other details).

Shiva-Vishnu Temple (which is part of the Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC)) is a premiere institution for conducting Hindu weddings as there is an authentic Temple that takes care of your religious needs and a nice hall with modern-day comforts to cater to your guests' needs. If you would like use the Temple facilities for the wedding, please visit Livermoretemple.org and click on the banner "Wedding Halls Available for Rent".

Recently, HCCC has seen an increased interest in weddings conducted in outdoor open-air facilities, especially by wedding parties with relatively smaller guest list. HCCC has accommodated such requests and conducted the weddings successfully. If you are interested in an open-air wedding, we are eager to make your wedding a beautiful and memorable occasion. We hope that this brochure will help you plan this special day for you.

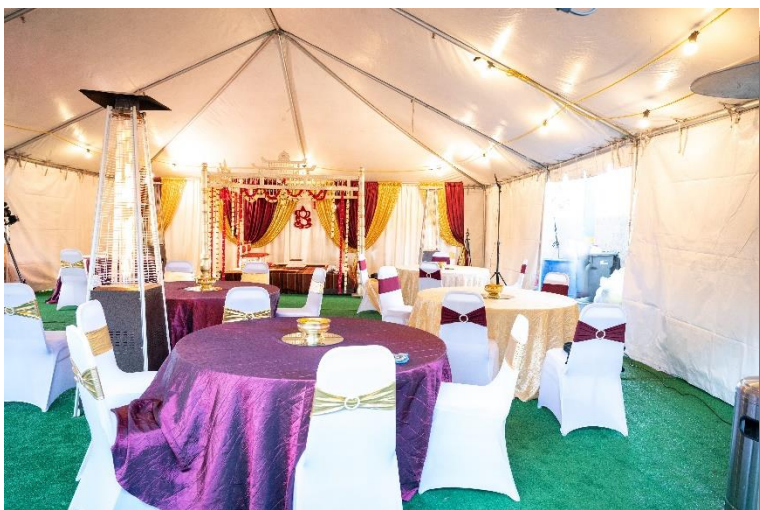
Getting Started

Planning your open-air wedding at the Shiva-Vishnu Temple premises begins with meeting our Facilities Manager who will provide you various options. We have a choice of open-air wedding sites depending upon the number of guests and choice of decorators and need for other facilities. Typically, we offer wedding packages as part of which we will provide the location equipped with tents and furniture; the Temple priests will conduct the wedding; and we will cater vegetarian food for the guests (in boxes during COVID). However, you are free to bring your own priest and select your own caterer as long as the temple rules and regulations are followed.



We do understand that because of restrictions on serving non-vegetarian food and alcohol, HCCC's facilities are not ideal for certain wedding parties.

Description of what Temple can Offer for the Open-air Weddings



Wedding Site:

There are a number of locations available in the Temple premises where weddings can be conducted outdoors. Our Facilities Manager can help you select the most appropriate one for your wedding. At wedding party's request, HCCC will procure stage, tents, furniture and audio facilities. Depending upon the weather, the Temple will provide heaters or fans for the comfort of the guests. If the Wedding parties want Mandap and other decorations, the Facilities Manager will help in selecting the right vendor.

Open-air weddings typically involve fewer than 80 guests. However, larger sized weddings can be accommodated with larger tents that require City Permit. Alternatively, following the open-air wedding, the food can be served to the guests in one of the many indoor facilities.

Priests:

HCCC has over twelve priests from various parts of India skilled in different languages and knowledgeable in various Sampradayas in conducting the weddings. However, you are free to bring a priest of your choice to conduct the wedding.

Temple priests cover many Sampradayas including Shaivaite and Vaishnavaites and are familiar with the traditions and marriage customs practiced in different parts of India. The priests can help select the right Muhurtham (auspicious day and time) for the wedding.

The main advantage of having the Temple priest conduct the wedding is that he will facilitate visit of the bridal couple to the shrines before and after the wedding to seek the blessings of Temple's deities.



Food Catering:

HCCC will arrange for hot, fresh vegetarian food to be prepared and served to the wedding guests in a buffet style under the guidance of a supervisor. Food is normally served in the open-air facility. However, indoor facilities are also available for dining. HCCC has restrictions on use of alcohol, meat and certain items like onion and garlic. Wedding party can get food from other caterers who will conform to HCCC's restrictions.

Other Services:

Weddings often require other related services and HCCC will be pleased to provide references to vendors and contractors who provide these services. Examples of these services are as follows:

- Wedding Mandap and Decorations/Swing (Oonjal)/ God's Idols (Vigraha)
- Puja Material/Flowers/Garlands
- Wedding Photos/Videos/Webcasting/ Audio/Video Technician



For further details and to reserve available space, please contact.
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