



Sri Lakshmi Temple

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Sri Ayyappa Mandala Grand Finale Event Guidelines

Event date: Saturday 13 January 2024

The following guidelines have been developed with the intent to streamline the event and provide better service to the attending devotees. Our main aim in preparing these guidelines is to enhance the service level and avoid/minimize the uncertainties to the best of our abilities. We hope that these guidelines will help us manage the event within the specified timeline and help all of us enjoy and cherish the event.

To sign-up for Irumudi Kattu: <https://forms.gle/CqoPJXWNfZYWQmFD7>

1. All local devotees who wish to participate in the Irumudi event we request them to observe the diksha rituals as early as possible and wear the mala at the latest by the end of day 12 Jan 2024. It will be a great boon for the volunteer team if you can decide and at least register ahead so that we may have a better handle on the number of participants for the Kettunirai
2. Devotees who would like to participate but are coming from far away (100 + Miles) kindly register with the front desk as soon as you make up your mind to participate but make sure you arrive on 13 Jan 2024 before 11 am so that you can wear the mala before the dead line 11 am of 13 Jan 2024
3. The Kettunari is scheduled to begin at 10:30 am and will pause from 1:00 for the duration of the Padi Puja (Scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm) and our goal is to wrap up the Kettunirai at 3:30 pm or earlier with Guruswamy Kettunirai
4. Participating devotees are requested to register their names, fill the ID tag for the Irumudi and collect a ticket number to facilitate the kettunarai in a sequential order based on the ticket number.
5. All participating devotees (male) are required to wear a diksha vesti (Dhoti) and tie another diksha Vesti/anagavastram around their waist and must bring a spare angavastram (male and female participants) to place it on their head to carry the irrumudi.
6. Because of the early start of the Kettunara the temple will provide a light breakfast for the ayyppamar and their family members.

7. It is customary in India for the ayyappamars to do a bhajan and annsadanam at their home. In this country to facilitate this at home is not always conducive to everyone and hence it is suggested that the devotees make generous donations by way of Annadhanam sponsorship.
8. In addition, we suggest that you avoid bringing ghee to the Kettunirai as the temple has opted to prepare all the Kettunirai ghee at the temple. If you desire, you may participate in donating unsalted butter in advance so that the butter could be used to make ghee at the temple. The expected amount of butter that the temple will use is about 250 Lbs. If you do bring ghee, we will set that aside to use it for lighting the lamps at the temple.
9. We do seek and appreciate the help of volunteers from among the ayyappamars for the preparation on Friday the 12 Jan 2024 from 6 pm to 10 pm. These select volunteers should be ready to arrive at the temple on the next day at least by 7:30 am to help the Guruswamy's with the Kettunirai as their knowledge of what is where will help us run the kettunirai event smoothly. Please sign up and arrive on 12 Jan 2024 at 6pm after taking a shower.