



Weddings in Livermore Temple

Marriages are made in heaven, but the best ones are conducted in temples. In distant past, most Indian weddings were conducted in Temples. However, with lack of modern-day comforts, weddings have moved away from temples to wedding halls. When you conduct a wedding in HCCC's facilities, you have the best of both worlds: Shiva-Vishnu Temple to take care of the religious needs and a nice hall with modern-day comforts to cater to your guests' needs.

We are delighted that you are considering HCCC's facilities for your wedding. We are eager to make your wedding a beautiful and memorable occasion. We hope that this brochure will help you plan your special day.

We understand that because of restrictions on serving meat and alcohol, HCCC's facilities are not ideal for certain wedding parties.

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Getting Started: Planning your wedding at HCCC's facilities begins with meeting our Facilities Manager who will provide you various options. We have a choice of wedding halls depending upon the number of guests, choice of decorators and need for audio and webcast facilities. You have catering options that will provide fresh, hot food from our kitchen. However, you can select your own caterer as long as the caterer adheres to the temple rules available separately. You also have a selection of priests to perform the wedding, but you are free to bring a priest of your choice.

Description of the Facilities



Lakireddy Auditorium, with an area of 4200 square feet, is equipped with a large stage that can accommodate a large Mandap and Homa Kunda for carrying out the wedding ceremony. It has a state-of-the-art audio & lighting equipment and is ideal for holding large weddings. It is equipped with projectors and webcasting capability. It can comfortably seat 500 in lecture style and 240 in banquet style and has well equipped bride and groom's dressing rooms.

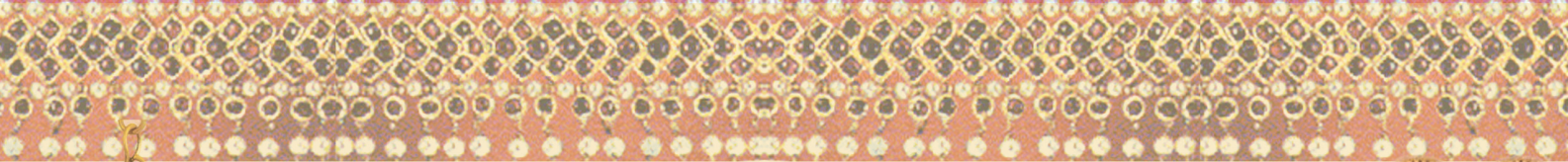
Dining tables and chairs are provided per your event needs. Often, wedding parties have found it convenient to conduct large weddings here, cook in the Akella Annadaana Kitchen and set up dining facilities in adjacent Akella Assembly Hall.





Akella Assembly Hall (seats 360 in lecture and 240 in banquet style) which has an area of about 3500 square feet, is equipped with a large stage that can accommodate a Mandap and Homa Kunda for carrying out the wedding ceremony. The Hall is equipped with a dressing room as well as an excellent audio & lighting equipment that makes it ideal for holding medium to large-sized weddings. Often wedding parties have found it very convenient to perform the wedding in the adjacent Lakireddy Auditorium and set up dining facilities in this hall.





Badrinath Event Hall
(left and immediately below)



Badrinath Event Hall (seats 140 in lecture and 112 in banquet style) has a Homa Kunda and is ideal for small to medium-sized weddings. The hall is equipped with a nice portable audio system. The Hall can be configured as two small halls (as the East and West Halls) for smaller weddings. The Homa Kunda is located in the east side. Often, wedding parties have found it convenient to conduct weddings here and set up dining facilities in the adjacent Kedarnath Event Hall. They have also found it useful to rent the Yamunotri and Sabarimala dressing rooms.



Kedarnath Event Hall
(immediate right and below)



Kedarnath Event Hall (seats 120 in lecture and 96 in banquet style) is ideal for small to medium-sized weddings. A portable Homa Kunda is used for conducting the wedding. The hall is equipped with a nice portable audio system. It can be configured as two small halls (as East & West Halls) for smaller weddings. Often, wedding parties have found it convenient to conduct weddings in the adjacent Badrinath Hall and set up dining facilities in this hall. They have also found it useful to rent the Yamunotri and Sabarimala dressing rooms.





Tirumala Hall

(right and immediately below)

Tirumala Hall (Seats 120 in lecture and 96 in banquet style) is ideal for small to medium-sized weddings. A portable Homa Kunda is used for conducting the wedding. The hall is equipped with a nice portable audio system. The hall is very suitable for weddings to be performed on a limited budget.



Other Rooms and Wedding-related Facilities

Chamundi Room is equipped with a Homa Kunda and is ideal for small wedding parties with less than 20 guests.

Palani Room (seats 40 in lecture and 32 in banquet style) is equipped with a portable Homa Kunda and a portable audio system. It is ideal for small weddings on a limited budget.

Akella Annadaana Kitchen: This is the kitchen used by the Temple but parts of the kitchen is available for rental for your caterer to prepare or reheat the food.

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 Sampradaya 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.

Yamunotri and Sabarimala Dressing Rooms: These rooms which are equipped with showers are ideal as augmented rental when conducting weddings in one of the Event Halls listed above.



Mahaprasadam (Food): One major advantage of conducting the wedding at the HCCC facilities is the availability of food that is prepared fresh at the Temple kitchen and served hot instead of catered food that is prepared elsewhere and reheated at the Temple kitchen. HCCC offers Mahaprasadam which is food that is offered to Goddess Annapoorna before it is served and thus will have the sacredness and blessings of the Goddess. There is a choice of many food items for you to select from a published menu. Please refer to the detailed Mahaprasadam brochure that is available separately. Breakfast is available from a suggested donation of \$7/person and Lunch is available from a suggested donation of \$14/person. The food is served hot in a buffet and refilled as needed under the guidance of a supervisor. Wedding-specific bhakshanams (special sweets) prepared by Temple Pachakas are also offered for the wedding parties.

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:

Puja Material

Flowers/Garlands

Wedding Mandap and Decoration

God's Idols (Vigraha)

Swing (Oonjal)

Nadaswaram

Hall and Dining Table Decorations

Wedding DJ Service

Professional Wedding Photography

Professional Videography

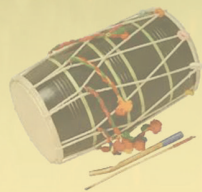
Live Streaming Video Services

Audio-Visual Facilities (Projectors, Screens)

Audio Technician

Video Technician

Information on Marriage Licenses





Booking Wedding Event at the Temple

Start by meeting with the Facilities Manager. Following are the key items to be considered:

Date of Wedding and Event Hall Reservation: If you already have selected the wedding date and time, the Facilities Manager will be able to recommend the appropriate hall(s) that match your needs and if the event hall is available, reserve it for you. However, if you have not yet selected the wedding day, select an auspicious day (Muhurtham) for the wedding with the help of the Temple priest.

Priest Services: 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.

Mahaprasadam (food): If you want fresh, hot food for the guests, Mahaprasadam services are available. However, you are allowed to select an outside caterer for food. The caterer, who needs to be approved by the Temple, must conform to Temple's rules on what food can be served in the Temple - for instance, meat, onion, garlic and alcohol are not permitted inside the Temple campus. See the Mahaprasadam brochure for more details.

Application Form: Once you have decided on all the items listed above you can fill out the application forms for the facilities rental and Mahaprasadam and pay the deposit. Please follow the requirements for payment deadline and note the rules on cancellation of the booking.

Marriage Certificate: If this needs to be signed by the priest, the bride and groom must obtain a Marriage License from the County, submit it to the Temple office and make prior arrangements with the priest. The Priest can then sign the Marriage Certificate at the end of the wedding.

We hope you will decide on conducting your wedding at the temple campus. Our office staff and the members of our management team are willing to work with you to make sure your wedding will be a memorable day to remember.



Hindu Community and Cultural Center was incorporated in 1977 with the goal of providing a place where Hindus can pray, practice religion and have cultural programs. Subsequently, the Shiva-Vishnu Temple was built and consecrated in 1986. This is the most authentically built Hindu Temple in Northern California. Every week, thousands of Hindus come to worship at the Temple and participate in the religious events conducted by the priests. In addition to the religious services, the Temple offers human services programs for youth and education and seniors. The Temple campus has wedding halls where many Hindu weddings are conducted each year.

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