



Hindu Temple and Cultural Center



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Bhogi/Lohri – Saturday 13th January, 2018



Bhogi/Lohri marks the culmination of winter, and is celebrated on the 13th day of January in the month of Paush or Magh, a day before Makar Sankranti. An extremely auspicious day, Lohri marks the sun's entry into the 'Makar Rashi' (northern hemisphere). The period, beginning from 14 January lasting till 14 July, is known as Uttarayan in traditional parlance.

Bhogi Pongal in North India is known as Lohri. This is the festival of Rabi crops (Til, Wheat, Barley, Mustard, Peas, Oats, etc.). On this day people light a bonfire, offer prayers to fire god, dance around fire singing traditional Punjabi songs and songs. In the evening, with the setting of the sun, huge bonfires are lit in the harvested fields and in the front yards of houses and people gather around the rising flames, circle around (*parikrama*) the bonfire and throw puffed rice, popcorn and other munchies into the fire, shouting "Aadar aye dilather jaye" (May honor come and poverty vanish!), and sing popular folk songs. This is a prayer to Agni, the fire god, to bless the land with abundance and prosperity. After the *parikrama*, people meet friends and relatives, exchange greetings and gifts, and distribute prasad (offerings made to god).

This year at HTCC, community members have teamed up to celebrate this event a memorable one. Mark your calendars and join us with your family and friends.

Event Details

- ❖ 6:30 PM **Goda Kalyanam**
See event flyer for details
- ❖ 7:00 PM – **Bhogi/Lohri Bonfire Rituals, followed by Prasad distribution**

Sponsorship Opportunity

- ❖ **Archan (\$10.0)**
 - ❖ **Pushpa Mala Alankar***
 - ❖ **Annadan (\$151.0 Food Sponsorship)**
- *Contact Office for scheduling/details**

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