



# Indo-American Foundation of Arizona

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Hindu-Jain Temple Ekta Mandir with Community Center

Mailing Address: PO Box 35275, Phoenix, AZ 85069



All are cordially invited for the **GREAT FESTIVAL OF**

## Ganesh Chaturthi

**Saturday September 11, 2010 @ Ekta Mandir**



Pramukh Yajaman:\$1001,Yajaman:\$501  
Aarti Sponsor: \$501, \$101, \$51  
Archana:\$11, Abhishek:\$21, Both:\$31  
Mahaprasad:\$501, \$251

### Program

9.00am	Temple opens
9.30am-10.30am	Maha Ganesh Homa/Havan/Pratishtha
10.30am-12.00Noon	Abhishekam, Archana, Aarti and Mahaprasad
11.00am-7.00pm	Abhishekam by Devotees and Archana
5.00pm-6.00pm	108 Ganesh Puja with Children
6.00pm-7.30pm	Fancy Dress Competition for Children. PRIZES for BEST Ganesha Ganesh Sahasranama Archana Katha Sravan, Ganesh Bhajan, Puja, Aarti and Mahaprasad.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN DRESSED AS GANESHA GREAT PRIZES!**

#### Related Events:

Swarna Gowri Puja Friday Sept 10, 2010, 6pm - 7:30pm  
Ganesh Visarjan Sunday Sept 19, 2010 6pm-7:30 pm

**May the blessings of Sri Ganesha  
be upon you all!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME! DO NOT MISS!**

Please bring Flowers, Fruits, Prasad  
and **Modakas** for offering.

Please contact: Priest Joshiji 602 391 7760, Priest Rajanji at 602 320 3460,  
Event Chair Vidya Raman 623 537 4167, Lalit Patel 480 286 0416,

### Ganesh Chaturthi

Ganesh Chaturthi, is celebrated as the birthday of Lord Ganesha. A life-like clay model of Lord Ganesha is placed on raised platforms and the priest, invokes life into the idol amidst the chanting of mantras. After this the shodashopachara' follows. Coconut, jaggery, 21 'modakas', 21 'durva' (trefoil) blades and red flowers are offered. Throughout the ceremony, Vedic hymns from the Rig Veda and Ganapati Atharva Shirsha Upanishad, and Ganesha stotra from the Narada Purana are chanted.

On the Visarjan day, the image is taken through the streets in a procession accompanied with dancing, singing, to be immersed in a river symbolizing a ritual see-off of the Lord in his journey towards his abode in Kailash while taking away with him the misfortunes of all man. All join in this final procession shouting "Ganapathi Bappa Morya"

**Physical Location: 2804 & 2809 W. Maryland Ave. Phoenix AZ 85017**

**Directions: Take I-17, Exit Bethany Home West, Right on 27<sup>th</sup> Ave, Left on Maryland Ave.**

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