



Northern California Koyasan Temple

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Dear Koyasan Member,

Northern California Koyasan Temple's annual Toronagashi Festival will be held along the Mayor Anne Rudin Peace Pond in William Land Regional Park on Saturday, August 12, 2023, beginning at 5:00 p.m. It will start with a picnic dinner followed with a service by Reverend Mimatsu, obon dancing, performances by the Koyasan Taiko Group, and will end with the Floating Lantern ceremony. Candle-lit memorial lanterns are placed in the water to help guide the spirits of our departed loved ones as they return to their place in the spirit world.

The picnic dinner, catered by Aji Bistro, will be available for purchase. The dinner features an assortment of bento boxes, including teriyaki chicken, kalbi beef, miso salmon, a vegetarian tofu entrée, and a combination box of chicken, beef, and salmon. Attached is an order form to be completed with your selection. Payment may be made by check payable to NC Koyasan/Bento Box and mailed to NC Koyasan, 1400 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. It may also be paid by PayPal on the temple's website or by Venmo: @nckoyasan. Please submit your order form and payment by August 1, 2023.

Items to Bring

1. Your own chair(s)
2. If you wish, you may dress in a yukata/kimono or hapi coat for the obon dancing. If you are interested in purchasing a yukata/kimono, the temple has several for sale. To view, please contact the temple at (916) 444-0111.
3. If available, bring a folding fan, a round hand-held fan, and kachi kachi.

The Toronagashi Lantern Workshop will be held on Sunday, July 9th at 1:30 p.m. Reverend Mimatsu will assist participants in creating their own floating memorial lantern. Materials will be supplied by the temple. Please feel free to invite your friends!

Temple Communications

On another note, I've received feedback from a younger member of the temple. He indicated that he was unaware of many of the temple's opportunities and wished that there was better communication and outreach to the temple's family members. That said, we would like to expand our email distribution list to include your adult sons and daughters and their families in our communications. If your family members wish to be included in future temple communications, please list their email addresses below and mail to the temple together with your bento box order(s). You can also directly email the temple and request future email announcements.

Please send Temple Communications and Newsletters to:

Name:

Email Address:

