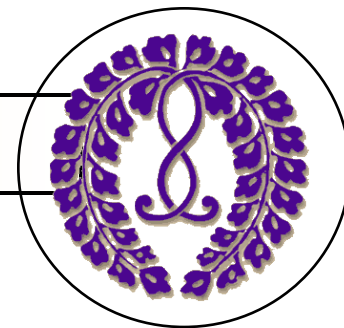


# REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

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## March Calendar



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|----|---|-----------------------|
| 10 | Prep for A Taste of Bazaar fundraiser<br>- slicing meat       | 10:00 am              |
| 12 | Combined Ohigan, March Memorial,<br>& Dharma Service          | 10:00 am              |
| 12 | BWA Meeting   | 12:00 pm              |
| 12 | Prep for A Taste of Bazaar fundraiser<br>Skewering beefsticks | after service & lunch |
| 12 | CC Jr. YBA Meeting  | 2:30 pm               |
| 15 | Reedley BC Board Meeting                                      | 7:00 pm               |
| 25 | Conference Room Reserved - Tsuji<br>Family                    | 10:30 am              |

ONLINE LINK FOR VIRTUAL SERVICES  
PROVIDED BY CC MINISTERS:

GO TO: [https://twitter.com/fresno\\_nishi](https://twitter.com/fresno_nishi)  
to get the YouTube link for the service.

## Dharma School Country Store

The Reedley Dharma School is sponsoring a COUNTRY STORE in conjunction with the "Taste of Bazaar" fundraiser on April 23rd. They will have a booth set up in the parking lot and will be selling baked goods, handmade items, home goods, and more.

If you would like to support their efforts they will gladly accept any donations from church members to sell. They are hoping to help defray costs for Dharma School students going to Camp Dharma at Keola.

Please contact Stacy (Nishida) Ramos at: [sanishida@gmail.com](mailto:sanishida@gmail.com) or call or text her at: (559) 903-0625 OR Melanie (Sakata) Mukai at: [mtsakata@gmail.com](mailto:mtsakata@gmail.com) or call or text at: (559) 859-0541

(see flyer on page 8)

## MARCH TOBAN:

Church Toban: Justesen, Toyota, &  
Kobayashi  
BWA: Group 1—Karen Sakata



## Combined Ohigan, March Shotsuki (Memorial), & Dharma Service

Sunday, March 12, 2023

10:00 AM

A light lunch will be served  
following the service.



## 3rd Annual A Taste of Bazaar

Drive-Thru/Pick Up Only

Sun., April 23, 2023

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Teriyaki Beefsticks, RBC Chow Mein,  
Namasu, Rice, & Cookie

\$18.00 each

Pre-order sales only

(see flyer on page 6)

## A TASTE OF BAZAAR HELP

If you are available and able to help with the Taste of Bazaar fundraiser, we would love for you to come out and join in. We would like to reinstate the November food bazaar like it used to be, but we need to know if we'd have the manpower to do so.

Please text or call Vickie at: (559) 903-0317 or Karen at: (559) 284-9885 to be put on the schedule.

We are asking everyone to wear a mask while prepping food. There will be plenty of work and we'd love to see everyone back out!



## Church Acknowledges Dana

The Sunamoto Family <i>In Memory of Mrs. Ayako Alma Sunamoto</i>	\$2,000.00
Miss Misae Nakatani <i>In Memory of Mrs. Ayako Alma Sunamoto</i>	200.00
Mrs. Gail Hamada <i>In Memory of Mrs. Ayako Alma Sunamoto</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi <i>In Memory of Mrs. Ayako Alma Sunamoto</i>	30.00
Mr. Michael Naito <i>In Memory of Mrs. Ayako Alma Sunamoto</i>	25.00
The Abe Family <i>In Celebration of Nancy Abe's 100th Birthday</i>	100.00
Mrs. Toshiko Kawagoe <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	200.00
Ms. Amy Naito <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Shiz Tsutsui <i>Special Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Ayako Yamada <i>Nirvana Day Service</i>	30.00
Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji <i>Nirvana Day Service &amp; February Monthly Memorial Service</i>	25.00
<b><u>February Memorial Service Donations</u></b>	
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Abe <i>In Memory of Sadie Abe</i>	100.00
Mr. Byron Taira <i>In Memory of Irene Taira</i>	100.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn <i>In Memory of Harry Inn &amp; Yoshiko Inn</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hideki Otani <i>In Memory of Yoshiharu Yamagiwa</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata <i>In Memory of George Kimura, Yoshiye Kimura, Harry Inn, Yosuke Inn, Machi Hobo, &amp; Arlene Imoto</i>	50.00
Mrs. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry <i>In Memory of Itsuno Tsuneta</i>	50.00
Mrs. Ayako Yamada <i>In Memory of Sumiyo Morikawa, Mataichi Morikawa, &amp; Kazumi Morikawa</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Kliff Justesen <i>In Memory of John Matsuno</i>	30.00

## **February Memorial Service Donations continued:**

Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Shiro Kawamoto &amp; Kojiro Kawamoto</i>	\$ 30.00
Mr. Michio Miyamoto <i>In Memory of Shizuyo Miyamoto</i>	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Nakamichi <i>In Memory of Jean Akahori</i>	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida <i>In Memory of Kotome Nomi &amp; George Kimura</i>	30.00
Ms. Amy Naito <i>In Memory of George Kimura</i>	25.00
Mrs. Amy Naito <i>In Memory of Kotome Nomi</i>	25.00
Mrs. Grace Nakagawa <i>In Memory of Mable Kodama</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro <i>In Memory of Itsu Nobuhiro</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Fujitsubo <i>In Memory of Harry Inn</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto <i>In Memory of Yas Hashimoto</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi <i>In Memory of Kotome Nomi &amp; George Kimura</i>	20.00
Mr. Alan Kubota <i>In Memory of Fusaye Matsuda</i>	20.00
Mrs. Nancy Sakata <i>In Memory of Harry Inn, Yosuke Inn, &amp; Machi Hobo</i>	20.00

## **Monthly Memorial Service Donation**

The Takasaki Family <i>In Memory of Lily Takasaki (February) &amp; George Takasaki (May)</i>	50.00
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## **January Memorial Service Donation**

Ms. Amy Naito <i>In Memory of Sumiye Okita</i>	25.00
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## **Hoonko Service Donation**

Mr. Michio Miyamoto	30.00
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## 2023 Reedley Buddhist Church Cabinet, Board of Directors, & BWA Installation





## Message from Rev. Nakata

“Thank you, thank you... the importance of visitation”



Hello to all Central California Nishi Hongwanji Sangha friends! February was another stormy month with rain, thunder, and hail. When the hailstorm passed over my house, my daughters were so excited to see the nickel sized hailstones and ran out to the backyard with their umbrellas. While watching them jump around and hearing their screams of excitement, I recalled that in my childhood I did exactly same thing as they were doing. How did you react during the storms, in your childhood? When you see me next, please share your memory with me!

In this article, I would like to share my experience on “visitation”.

Currently I have been enjoying conducting two monthly services at two assisted-living facilities, Vintage Gardens and Fairwinds.

At the Vintage Garden service on the first Friday of each month, about 30-40 residents gather. I am not only conducting the service with chanting and Dharma talk, but also, I walk amongst the residents while I sing old songs and dance like an entertainer. I always stay until the last resident leaves from the social hall by greeting each resident. A lady pushes her walker to approach me. She always holds my hands for a while, then says “thank you, thank you. Talk was good.” She is Mrs. Mukai of Fowler. When I deliver my Dharma message, she always looks at me. She nods when I talk about Shinran Shonin and Namu Amidabutsu. I know she is not sleeping, because when she nods, I see her reciting “Namu Amidabutsu”. When I see the participants nodding, I feel so grateful that they are enjoying their life as Buddhists. Another lady comes up and shares not only what has happened since my last visit to the Vintage Garden but also shares her childhood memories. I am always amazed at how she remembers her childhood.

At the Fairwinds service on the third Monday of each month, about ten residents gather. After a short 15-minute service in the “TV room”, we move to the other room for discussion. Even though we only have one-hour, the gathering starts at 9:30 and sometimes lasts till 11:30. One of the ladies, Mrs. Yoshimura,

a member of the Fowler Buddhist Church says, “you always explain things with everyday simple English so we enjoy learning and talking with you. That is why we often forget how long we talk”.

Now you know why I have been enjoying visitations.

This month is exactly the third year since the Covid-19 pandemic was declared. Since last year, CC temple and churches have been resuming their services. Recently, when I conducted a Sunday service at a church, a gentleman approached me after the service and said “oh, reverend, finally I could see you. I had been hospitalized for a while, although I wanted to talk to you.” So, I replied to him, “oh, sorry I did not visit while you were hospitalized. You could have called the church or me, so that I could have visited you when you were in the hospital”. He was surprised and said, “I didn’t know you do visitations.” I replied, “I do. I am here in Central Cal for that reason.”

In the previous temple and district where I served, I was making various visitations under the social welfare committee. I often drove to houses, hospitals, and assisted living facilities, sometimes with the BWA ladies. It is great that people are attending services at temple and churches, however there are people who are unable to attend for various reasons. Our Jodo Shinshu founder, Shinran Shonin often made visitations, instead of waiting at his home during his life in Northern Tokyo area. If you or someone that you know would like to see or talk with a Central Cal reverend, please contact me! I would be happy to visit and talk with you!

Gassho



## FLOWERS FOR HANAMIDO

Just a heads up! We are in need of flowers for the **hanamido** for Hanamatsuri. If you grow flowers or if you go to the grocery store, perhaps purchase a few bunches!

Bring flowers on April 1, 2023 between 1:00 - 2:00 PM to the conference room. Construction will begin at 2:00 PM. Thanks!





## Message from Rev. Nakagawa

### Shotsuki, The Monthly Memorial Service



The following words by Doshu of Akao, well-known as the Myokonin who was guided by Rennyō Shonin, are handed down as follows:

“As a matter of daily concern, you should never neglect the morning service at the family altar; you should make monthly visits to the nearest temple to worship the Sect founder, Shinran; and each year you should make a pilgrimage to the Mother Temple....”

The marvelous Myokonin lay follower, Akawo-no-Dōshū, was a person who met Rennyō Shonin in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. He knew Shinran Shonin's teachings and lived, embodying the spirit of gratitude, and came closer to Buddhahood.

By the way, I am worried that some of you may think that all people become Buddhas when they die. This is not true. If that were true, Christians and Muslims would also become Buddhas. Buddhism is not a religion that teaches such self-righteousness.

Needless to say, the goal of Buddhists is to become a Buddha, and it is only Buddhists who can become Buddhas. Shinran taught that a person who says, "Namu-amitābha," wholeheartedly, is a true disciple of Buddha. This is because such a person has come to know the true heart of the Śākyamuni Buddha.

We recite the Nenbutsu and chant the sutra on any occasion. In Jodo Shinshu, everything we do, whether it is financial offerings or Dharma offerings, is nothing more than the service of repaying the Buddha's kindness. However, the precious Dharma that is proclaimed through such Dharma causation is not in vain. Because of its precious virtues of the Buddha, those who come into contact with such Dharma causation, whether they are themselves or others, ancestors, or descendants, are bound in some way by a deep connection and certainly receive their precious benefits.

Now that we are holding the Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service with our personal memories, the only thing we can do is to say the Nenbutsu. First of all, let us recite the Nenbutsu earnestly. If we do this, we will feel that we are firmly connected to the life of the deceased. For what purpose is the Memorial Service held? Is it so the deceased can enjoy the Pure Land or so they can attain Buddhahood?

I can say that all Buddhist services, fundamentally, are a chance for us to send these words: "Thank you for raising me" to the beloved deceased. I really feel that I was raised by the daily casual words and actions of many people. Therefore, the service to remember the deceased is conducted with the reminder: "Thank you for raising me" to the deceased.

All people who attend the Shotsuki Memorial Service today are those who had some kind of relationship with the deceased on the Shotsuki list. It is not that they may or may not be directly related to you in any specific way but that they may have made you aware of something important. All Buddhist memorial services are occasions to say, "Thank you" and "Please continue to work with me," at the same time. It is not a place to confirm the farewell in this life.

Shinran Shonin once said:

“Those who reach the state of pure happiness,  
Return to this mundane world of the five defilements,  
Where, like the Śākyamuni Buddha,  
They benefit sentient beings without limit.”

[If you could emerge your individual Buddha-nature through Nenbutsu living, you will surely become the Buddha in the next stage, and you will return to the mundane life of this world, and as if you were Shakyamuni Buddha, you will work to liberate people from their suffering and troubles.](#)

Those who have passed on to the state of perfect peace and utmost joy will return to the heart and mind of those who are closely related, after becoming a Buddha without interval. In our heart, through the memories of our parents and other people with whom we are closely related, we are going to examine our own egoistic and self-satisfied thoughts gradually. Then our Nenbutsu turns sounding as, "Oh, yes, that's right." Death is not the end of a person. The true and real life of the deceased will always be with those who are closely connected, forever. They are always alive in our hearts.

For 2,700 years, Jodo Shinshu has been a continuous tradition of the essence of Buddha-dharma, and since the moment of Śākyamuni Buddha's intone of the Nenbutsu, "na mō mi ta ba", the unique dharma experience through Nenbutsu Practice has continued regardless of historical and cultural background among Nenbutsu practitioners. [Countless people have attained Buddhahood and have already returned to some world.](#)

I suppose that the sounds "na mō mi ta ba" may suggest the origin of the universe and the motive for the life process. It is worth it to try it, isn't it?



## March Monthly Memorial Service

The March Monthly Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM.** Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for March are as follows:

<b>DECEASED:</b>	<b>SESHU: (OBSERVANT)</b>
Jimmy Harada	Nancy Abe
Ito Abe, JoAnn Abe, & Goro Mukai	Mitchell Abe
Tsuma Adachi, Kanichi Aoki & Yoshiko Ishibashi	Betty Aoki
Yoneichi Asami	Lillian Garrigus
Fumiyo Faye Masumoto	Evelyn Asato
Yoshio "Joe" Fujii & Clara Kazue Fujii	Joy Donaldson
Hisako Okino	Nannette Mori
Hiroshi Asakawa	Lisa Lo
Tatsuko Hatanaka	Joyce Hatanaka
Shigeo Hirahara, & Phoebe Hideko Hirahara	Stanley Hirahara
Hisano Hirakawa	Carole Hirakawa
Phillip Hirata	Art Hirata
Jisaburo Kawasaki	Karen Sakata
Tsuchiyo Tsudama	Kiyoko Inn
James Ito & Shigeoyo Ito	Craig Ito & Janet Kamada
Fukutaro Ito	Chizuko Iwasaki
Kiyoko Nishida	Sue Kawamoto
Miyeko Kamikawa, Miyo Yamasaki, & Haruye Nakata	Nagiko Konishi
Sandra Konishi	Ben Kubota
Tsuru Tasaka, Jack Gunji Kubota, & Isamu Teraoka	Alan Kubota
Fumiko Kubo	Jill Kunishige
Miyoko Kunishige	Michio Miyamoto
Kinuko Miyamoto	
Gunzo Miyamoto, Chiyono Miyamoto, Shigeku Sally Nakata, James Akira Miyamoto, Chohei Morita, Jiro Morita, & Rui Takeuchi	Lynn Kurumaji
Yasuye Nishida	Larry Nishida & Julia Ueda
Kono Kishi	Larry Nishida
Yoshimi Takasugi	Charlene Okamura
Baby Okamura	Dale Okamura
Eizo Tashiro	Dennis Okamura

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## March Monthly Memorial Cont.

### DECEASED: SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Masaru Omachi & Denichi Omachi	Kathleen Omachi
Ura Otani	Hideki Otani & Priscilla Kehoe
Fujiko Sasaki	Paul Sasaki & Brian Sasaki
Jimmy Yoshiyuki Sasaki	Ruth Sasaki
Toyo Shiine	Michiko Nobuhiro & Sandra Sunamoto
Itaro Nakata & Tsurue Nakata	Hiroko Shimozono
Ken Sugai	Linda Doi & Janet Quiroz
Nobuko Taguchi, Michiko Taguchi, Akiko Taguchi, & Masami John Taguchi	Shizuko Taguchi
Hideo Shinkawa	Don Takanishi
Haruko Oda & Shimo Matta	Helen Hamaoka
Tom Satoshi Takayama	Yukiye Takayama & Helen Hamaoka
Kumakichi Sakamoto, Tokichi Sakamoto, & Michiyo Tatami	Arthur Tatami
Marian Togioka & Hiroshi Togioka	Johnnie Togioka
Mitsuko Togioka	Nancy Sakata
Tokumi Morikawa, Ted Yamada & Koyu Yamada	Ayako Yamada
Helen Yamakoshi	Carole Yamakoshi & Lois Yamakoshi



See page 9 for  
**PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING A MINISTER**

### Contact Number for Church Business

**Reedley Church Phone:** (559) 638-2146  
**Church President:** Mr. Kliff Justesen  
 Phone: (559) 917-0643  
**Funeral Committee Chair:** Mr. Gary Sakata at:  
 Phone: (559) 250-9687  
**Fresno Betsuin Office:** Lee Osaki: (559) 442-4054 (call to request a minister or schedule a family service in Reedley after contacting Reedley president for church availability)  
**Rev. Nakata: (urgent for Makuragyo) (424) 666-7101**

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# Reedley Buddhist Church 3rd Annual - A Taste of Bazaar

Teriyaki Beefsticks • RBC Chow Mein •  
Namasu Salad • Rice • Cookies

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Drive Thru/Pick Up Only - 3:00 - 5:00 PM

\$18 each

**Pre-sale ONLY** \* A limited number of dinners available

Deadline: Saturday, April 8, 2023

Send to: Reedley Buddhist Church - P.O. Box 24

Reedley, CA 93654 Attn: A Taste of Bazaar

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Cut and return the bottom portion

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: (for confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_

Taste of Bazaar Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18.00 = Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline: Saturday, April 8, 2023

Make checks payable to: REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

Questions: Call Vickie Nishida at (559)903-0317 or email: [vlnishida1@gmail.com](mailto:vlnishida1@gmail.com)  
or email Karen Sakata at: [kgsakata@verizon.net](mailto:kgsakata@verizon.net)





**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA NIKKEI FOUNDATION**

**SHREDDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FUNDRAISER**



**Saturday, April 29, 2023  
9am to 12 noon**

Securely dispose of personal documents, tax papers, Books-hardback & paperback. Limit: 20 Banker Sized Boxes per car. Cost: \$15 per Banker Sized Box. Cash or Check only. Please make check payable to CCFN.

Event will be Drive-Thru - Boxes will be emptied from your trunk/tailgate and returned

Held at Vintage Gardens - 540 S. Peach Ave., Fresno

Questions contact: Susan Hayashi - 325-1457 or text 906-8540

Seniors unable to drive to the event, may Susan by April 15 to arrange for pick-up.

**Camp Keola Information & Registration**



The information and registration form for Camp Dharma at Keola is attached to this newsletter. (see pages 8 & 9) The family camp will be held from Friday - Sunday, July 7 - 9, 2023 at Huntington Lake. We are encouraging all families to come and join us for a fun filled weekend in the Sierra Nevada forest on the shore of beautiful Huntington Lake.

Registration for ages 12 yrs. - adults is \$148, ages 3 - 11 is \$144, and children 2 & under are free. The costs, like everything else, has increased for 2023, but it is still a great deal since food, lodging, & activities are included for the weekend. Many former campers are planning to attend so it will be like an RBC reunion!

Let's try and make this a weekend full of memories of fellowship and fun! All early registration forms and payments are due by April 1st. The late deadline is May 20th, but fees are increased to \$153 & \$147. Please try to get your registration in early so we can start planning our fun weekend!



The Fresno Buddhist Church postponed LET'S BINGO due to scheduling and lack of response.

**CC BEC MAP Seminar via Zoom**

**"Myoko-in Temple: from Belgium to Alaska"**

By Rev. Diane Dunn

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7pm**



Rev Diane Jishin Dunn lives in Kenai, Alaska and is currently the resident minister of the Myoko-in Sangha.

Rev. Dunn received Tokudo at Nishi Hongwanji-ha in 2003. She and her temple are directly affiliated with the European Shin Buddhist Community via Jikoji Temple in Antwerp, Belgium. She often refers to herself as the "wandering priest" as she has moved with her temple many times.

Myoko-in originated in Anchorage, Alaska in 1999 and has found its way back home to Alaska. Rev. Dunn is an artist, poet and author. She gives talks on her personal journeys as a Shin Buddhist, both locally and internationally. In the summer, you can find her fishing on the Kenai river with her Father and baking bread with her Mother. "I am a dig-in-the-dirt Shin Buddhist." she is often quoted. A reflection of her willingness to share with others the everyday difficulties and joy of daily life as a Shin Buddhist.

Request the Zoom link from Rev. Kaz at [rev.kaznakata@gmail.com](mailto:rev.kaznakata@gmail.com)



**Saturday, March 18**  
**Family Dharma Center**

MOVIE 11am • FURIKAKE CHICKEN RANCH 1p • BINGO 2pm

BE COMFY... BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR OR CUSHION	BRING YOUR FAVORITE MOVIES TO SHARE PRE-PACKAGED PRE-CAPPED ONLY!	WIN CASH & OTHER PRIZES PLUS... 50/50 RAFFLE IS BACK!
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Featured Movie: **SNOW IN THE BLADES**



Everything is looking up for Shimizu Kingo. He just married a beautiful and delicate woman, and because of his unmatched skill with the sword, he is appointed to be the bodyguard of a young noble lord. But when he makes a critical mistake during an attack, he is deemed responsible for the lord's death. He spends the next 13 years, trying to make up for the decline of the shogunate and the samurai culture. At the same time, Japan is forced into westernization, a critical time in Japan's history.

Kingo is portrayed by Kiichi Nakai, an actor prominent in other acclaimed samurai dramas. Warning: this is not Zatoichi, with a lot of swordplay. There is some, but it is more of a very interesting drama. I think that you will be happy with the ending. Unlike many of the newer samurai movies, this one does not have excessive display of blood, and it is suitable for children.



**Reedley Dharma School  
is hosting a**

# **Country Store**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**3:00 - 5:00 PM**

**at the Reedley Buddhist Church**

**Adjacent to the drive thru/pick up during the Taste of Bazaar  
fundraiser.**

**Baked goods, home goods,  
handmade items,  
jams, jellies, & so much more!**

**Check or cash accepted!**



**Please support their efforts to help send Dharma  
School students to Camp Dharma at Keola!**





### Procedures for Requesting a Minister

**Funerals:**

The family will contact the Funeral Chairperson Gary Sakata at (559) 250-9687

**Makuragyo Service:**

During the week contact the Fresno Betsuin Office at (559) 442-4054 or **Rev. Nakata on weekdays or weekends directly (424) 666-7101.**

**Family Memorial Service:**

**For services at the Reedley Buddhist Church:** Contact the RBC President to check the availability of the Reedley Church. Then contact **Lee Osaki** at the **Fresno Betsuin** (442-4054) to schedule the service. Fresno Betsuin office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Return call to Church President to confirm date and time.

**For services at family home:** Family will contact Lee Osaki at the Fresno Betsuin office to arrange for a minister.



## Nirvana Day Service



### Visalia Buddhist Church Chicken Teriyaki To-Go Fundraiser Dinner Sunday, March 12, 2023

Pickup between 4-5pm

**\$17.00**

All plates include:

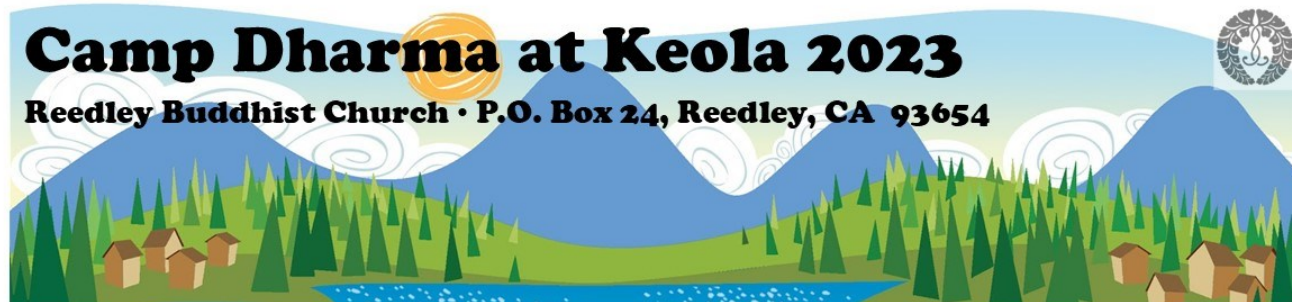
BBQ Boneless Chicken Teriyaki,  
Rice, vegetables, macaroni salad and dessert

Visalia Buddhist Church  
514 E. Center Ave, Visalia CA



For orders by March 8th, contact:  
Kathy Ishimoto 559-967-2521 or  
Janie Nitta 559-303-6950





January 20, 2023

TO: Members and Friends of the Reedley Buddhist Church

FROM: Judy Kobayashi & Reedley Buddhist Church

RE: Camp Dharma at Keola 2023

July 7 - 9, 2023

Huntington Lake

On behalf of the Reedley Buddhist Church, we are pleased to invite you to Camp Dharma at Keola 2023. After many years of absence, we have decided to revive this wonderful camp for our families and friends. The program will focus on "family" with activities for participants of all ages. Camp highlights include nature crafts, hiking, fishing, games, team sports, swimming, boating, and the famous campfire with songs. (Purple Flowers, Hot Time in Old Town Tonight, and Little Bunny Foo Foo to name a few!)

**REGISTRATION:** Campers registering before **April 1, 2023**, an early registration rate will be \$148 per adult and \$144 for children ages 3 - 11. Children ages 2 and younger are free. A late fee will be applied to all registration forms received after April 1st. The registration fee after April 1st will be \$154 per adult and \$149 per child ages 3 - 11. **If your child is a Reedley Dharma School student, he/she will be 50% off.**

In order to assign cabins prior to our pre-camp meeting, we are requesting that **all** registration be submitted no later than **Saturday, May 20th**. Checks may be made payable to the **Reedley Buddhist Church**. Please mail forms and payment to:

Judy Kobayashi  
6362 N. Selland Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93711

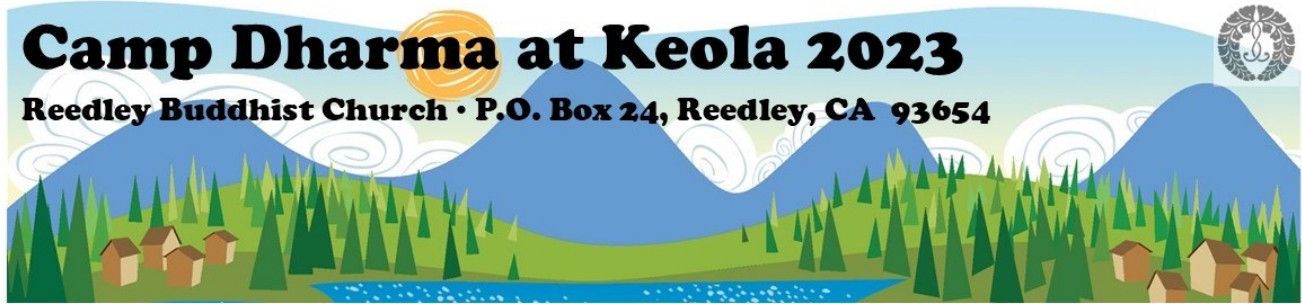
**The mandatory pre-camp meeting is on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM.** At least one family member **(or a proxy)** must attend this meeting in order to confirm cabin assignments and to purchase camp t-shirts. Maps and a camp schedule will be available at the meeting.

We are so excited to have this opportunity to sponsor this event again. Participants from previous camps have so many wonderful memories of fellowship, food, and activities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Judy at: [jk108@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jk108@sbcglobal.net)  
text or call: (559) 281-3954

We look forward to having you sign up for this unique summer adventure! We hope to see you at Huntington Lake!





Camp Dharma at Keola 2023

Name of Campers

Age (if a minor)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Children 17 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

WAIVER: I hereby waive and release the Reedley Buddhist Church from any and all liability of injuries or illness incurred during the camp/camp activities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

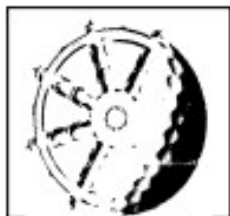
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the **Reedley Buddhist Church**

Send registration and payment to: Judy Kobayashi - 6362 N. Selland Ave. Fresno, CA 93711

All registration forms and payment must be received no later than **Saturday, May 20, 2023.**





## 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOWLER BUDDHIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, April 15, 2023 - Join us for a day of "Fun, Food & Golf"**  
**Ridge Creek Golf Club – 3018 Ridge Creek Drive – Dinuba, CA 93618**  
**Shotgun Start at 11 AM - Check-in at 10 am**

**FORMAT:** 4-Person Team Handicapped Scramble.  
 Team Prizes, Best Golf Shots, and Raffle.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$160 includes-Green Fee, Cart, Range balls.  
**PAID** Entry Fee required by Tuesday April 4, 2023  
 All Woman's Division and OPEN Division.  
 75 Years and older = Forward Tee – Please note on form  
**Banquet following tournament at Fowler Buddhist Church.**  
**Raffle and awards to be determined - \$25 Additional Dinner guest.**

If you have any questions contact Ken Okajima at 559 480-6530.  
[kenokajima@hotmail.com](mailto:kenokajima@hotmail.com)

Send Entry Form c/o Ken Okajima 2839 E. Frederick Ave., Fresno, CA 93720  
 With check payable to: Buddhist Church of Fowler FGT

Maximum individual handicap credited to your team will be 28 for men, 36 for women.

**Important - Please include handicaps or average score. NOTE if 75 years or older**

Player #1 \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hdcp \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$160 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hdcp \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$160 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hdcp \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$160 \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hdcp \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$160 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Guests \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mulligans and Raffle Tickets sold at Registration** **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_



# BY OUR PEOPLE. FOR OUR PEOPLE.

**FRESNO BETSUIN BUDDHIST  
TEMPLE BLOOD DRIVE**

**Saturday, March 11  
8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**2690 E. Alluvial Ave,  
Fresno, CA 93720**

Kevin  
Weaver  
Blood Donor



 **Central California Blood Center**  
**TOGETHER, LIFE FLOWS FROM HERE.**  
donateblood.org



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12th. Set your clock forward one hour!

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## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### LOTUS (Corporate) Sponsor - \$1,200

- Half-page personal advertisement in Tournament Program
- One Team Entry (Four Golfers), free carts and Tee prizes
- Awards Ceremony and Team Banquet



### LILY (Business/Personal) Sponsor - \$550

- Listing under Business/Personal Sponsors in Tournament Program
- Half-page personalized advertisement in Tournament Program
- Awards Ceremony and Team Banquet



### BAMBOO (Tee) Sponsor - \$125

- Team Name on Tee sign
- Listing under Tee-Sponsorship in Tournament Program

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DRAGONFLY GOLF CLUB**  
11:00AM Check-In  
12:30PM Shotgun Start

**TOURNAMENT BANQUET**  
*Welcome back to the Fresno Dharma Center!*  
**2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno 93720**

6:00PM No-Host Bar Social  
6:30PM Banquet  
Awards, Raffle & Silent Auction

## THE FRESNO BUDDHIST CHURCH TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023  
12:30PM SHOTGUN START**

**DRAGONFLY GOLF CLUB  
43369 AVENUE 12, MADERA CA 93636**

### ENTRY FEE

A \$165 PER PERSON DONATION INCLUDES GREEN FEE WITH CART, TEE PRIZES, CLOSEST TO PIN & LONGEST DRIVE AWARDS AND BANQUET. NON-GOLFERS MAY ATTEND THE BANQUET FOR \$20. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MUST BE NOTIFIED NO LATER THAN APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> OF ANY NON-GOLFERS ATTENDING THE BANQUET.

### TOURNAMENT BANQUET

FRESNO BETSUIN FAMILY DHARMA CENTER  
2690 E. ALLUVIAL AVE., FRESNO CA 93720

QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:  
DEAN NISHIJIMA  
(559) 917-8573 OR MIDORINISH@GMAIL.COM

RESERVATION DEADLINE  
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

REGISTRATION, DONOR & SPONSOR FORMS  
AVAILABLE AT [WWW.FRESNOBUDDHISTTEMPLE.ORG](http://WWW.FRESNOBUDDHISTTEMPLE.ORG),  
FROM ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER OR BY EMAILING:  
[INFO@FRESNOBUDDHISTTEMPLE.ORG](mailto:INFO@FRESNOBUDDHISTTEMPLE.ORG)





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**SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023  
12:30PM SHOTGUN START  
DRAGONFLY GOLF CLUB**

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE TOURNAMENT WILL BENEFIT THE FRESNO BUDDHIST TEMPLE, SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE MEMBERS AND YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

### TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

**GOLFERS:**

Name (last, first)

	Email:	Banquet?		NCGA Established?		Current Index
		Yes	No	Yes	No	
1. _____ <b>(Team Captain – check in at 11:00AM)</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

- ⊗ Tournament Format will be a scramble. All levels of golfers are encouraged to participate-adults & children.
  - ⊗ Handicaps are subject to verification and will be adjusted, at the tournament committee's discretion.
  - ⊗ Handicap Maximums: Men = 28 and Women = 32.
- If you do not have a NCGA established handicap, the tournament committee will assign one for you.

**Please remember, this is a fundraising event, so most importantly, have FUN with your friends and family!**

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY FEES:**

Golfers:	# of persons _____	@ \$165.00 each =	\$ _____
Dinner (non-golfers)	# of persons _____	@ \$20.00 each =	\$ _____
Total Fees =			\$ _____

Fully paid team entry form received prior to the deadline will receive extra raffle tickets. In lieu of a "Pot of Gold", there will be a **"Let a Pro Drive for You"**, in addition to **"Extra 100 Yards"** at respective holes.

Please make check(s) payable to: "THE FRESNO BUDDHIST CHURCH"  
 Mail completed form and payment to: BETSUIN GOLF TOURNAMENT  
 8576 N. Calaveras  
 Fresno, CA 93711

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
 Sunday, April 16, 2023

**QUESTIONS?**  
 Dean Nishijima (559) 917-8573





*Fresno Buddhist Church invites you to our Twenty-seventh Annual*

## **Hawaiian Plate Dinner**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**2 pm to 6 pm**

**Plate Dinner**

includes Chicken Katsu, rice, Hawaiian potato/macaroni salad, tsukemono salad, dessert

Fresno Betsuin Family Dharma Center • 2690 E. Alluvial  
Donation: \$17.00

For the first time in many years, we are back to our normal April date. The Dinner will be essentially be the same, but we have again taken steps to streamline the preparation, in the interest of minimizing exposure. Also, only individuals who have been fully vaccinated will be allowed to volunteer. Safety First is still uppermost in our minds.

Proceeds from our fundraiser will be used to help fund the operations of the Family Dharma Center, and now our new Temple. Your support is appreciated!

Lee Osaki, our office manager, will be handling all ticket sales. Please direct any questions, regarding tickets, to Lee. Her office number is 559-442-4054.

**Please write your check to the FRESNO BUDDHIST CHURCH.**

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Order Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Tickets: \$17 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

*Please write check to:*

Raffle Tickets: \$5 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Fresno Buddhist Church • 2690 E. Alluvial Ave. •  
Fresno, CA 93720 and return form by **Friday, April 14.**  
Your dinner tickets will be mailed to you.**

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** = \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions? Call Sherian or Glenn at 435-8050, or  
email: glenntheham@sbcglobal.net