

# FRESNO BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE OBON FESTIVAL

“THE FESTIVAL OF LANTERNS”

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2026

4:00pm-9:00pm

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF  
DANCING BENEATH THE LANTERNS,  
ENJOYING DELICIOUS FOOD, AND  
REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED ON.

FREE ADMISSION  
AND PARKING

JAPANESE FOOD  
OPENS AT 4:00PM

TRADITIONAL BON  
ODORI DANCING  
BEGINS AT 7:30PM

KIDS GAMES  
OPENS AT 4:00PM

PERFORMANCE  
BY FRESNO GUMYO  
TAIKO

RAFFLE DRAWING  
PRIZES: 1<sup>ST</sup> \$1,000, 2<sup>ND</sup> \$500,  
3<sup>RD</sup> \$300, 4<sup>TH</sup> \$200

## THIS YEAR'S FOOD LINEUP:

Sushi - Spam Musubi - Chicken Salad - Chicken Katsu  
Chicken Teriyaki - Somen Noodles - Takoyaki - Nippon Dogs  
Furikake Fries - Shave Ice - Desserts - Beer Booth  
Beverages & More!

## INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE DANCES?

Lessons are free, no experience necessary!  
April 29, May 5, May 11, May 13, May 18 & May 26  
at 7:00pm in the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple Gym.

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The memorial lanterns above the dancers have such special meaning of honoring departed loved ones & pets. Please consider ordering a new lantern or re-hanging one from previous years.

Last year, to avoid the summer heat, we changed the Obon Festival from July to May. The cooler weather improved the experience of Obon so we're doing it again. Please join us on May 30<sup>th</sup>!!

In addition to attending our Obon Festival, we invite you to purchase or sell the enclosed raffle tickets and return ticket stubs for a chance to win \$1000, \$500, \$300 or \$200. Additional donations are always welcome to offset the costs associated with this event.

You are an important part of the Temple, and we thank you for always supporting the Fresno Betsuin events & activities!

Return form below

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**RAFFLE TICKET(S)** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (please return completed stubs)

**MEMORIAL LANTERN(S)**

**NEW LANTERN** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (one name per lantern, please)  
 If necessary, use separate sheet for additional names

**RE-HANG LANTERN** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (bring to Dharma Center by **May 26**).  
 Please do not return damaged lanterns.

**NEW PET LANTERN** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_ (one name per lantern, please)  
 If necessary, use separate sheet for additional names

**RE-HANG PET LANTERN** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (bring to Dharma Center by **May 26**)

**ADDITIONAL "SPECIAL" DONATION** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Thank you for your generosity!**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Your support is most appreciated!**

**BY MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>**, PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM, RAFFLE TICKET STUBS, ANY UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS AND CHECK  
 PAYABLE TO: "FRESNO BUDDHIST CHURCH". PLEASE MAIL TO: 2690 E. ALLUVIAL AVE., FRESNO CA 93720

Questions? Call (559) 442-4054, or email: [info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org](mailto:info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org)

**WE** 

*Our Volunteers*

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING



Volunteering is a work of heart...

The most important hours of your week may be those you give away!

“ALL HANDS-ON DECK” is a naval term that calls everyone to report for action! We know that many of you will do double duty, or triple duty and some can give us just a couple hours. Any amount of time is valuable to us. With a large event like Obon, there is much to do, and we know you are proud of this annual OBON celebration, so won't you consider giving us a couple of hours or more of your

time? For the second year in a row, to avoid the heat of the summer months, the Obon Festival will be held in the month of May. This year's Festival is on **SATURDAY, MAY 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER BY MAY 24<sup>th</sup>!!**

Call 442-4054, or E-mail Gordon Ah-Tye [gahtyes@aol.com](mailto:gahtyes@aol.com) or Lee Osaki [losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org](mailto:losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org)

You will receive a call or e-mail during Obon week, confirming your help and notifying you of your shift time & assignment. ***Thank you in advance. We are truly grateful!***

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I am willing to help! Please sign me up for the following shift(s):**

\_\_\_ Booth construction: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 - 6:00PM**

\_\_\_ Yagura construction, lanterns, outside wiring: **FRIDAY, MAY 29 - 8:00AM**

**BOOTH SALES - SATURDAY, MAY 30**

\_\_\_ 4:00PM to 6:00PM

\_\_\_ 6:00PM to 8:00PM

\_\_\_ 8:00PM to 10:00PM (booths will close when sold out, so shift may be shorter!)

**GAME BOOTHS**

\_\_\_ 4:00PM to 8:30PM

**KITCHEN HELP - SATURDAY, MAY 30**

\_\_\_ 4:00PM to 6:00PM

\_\_\_ 6:00PM to 8:00PM

\_\_\_ 8:00PM to 10:00PM

**CLEANUP – Sunday, MAY 31 - 8:00AM**

No response is necessary. Come on out... the more the merrier!

## ATTENTION BAKERS!

THE DESSERT TABLE WILL BE BACK AT THE FRESNO OBON!

**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026**

FOOD BOOTHS OPEN AT 4:00PM



It's a great opportunity for our Sangha & friends to come together to share the experience of Dana. Share your love for baking and donate home-baked **NUT-FREE** desserts!

Accepting any type of desserts: cookies, bars, cupcakes, cake, pies, etc.

Please drop off your contributions to the Family Dharma Center

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> by 3:00PM

or

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> by NOON

Please be sure to label your donations  
(apple pie, chocolate cake, etc.)

Thank you for your support!



YEP... YOU HEARD IT RIGHT!

**FRESNO OBON IS ON SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026!!**

### OBON DANCE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 29

Tuesday, May 5

Monday, May 11

Wednesday, May 13

Monday, May 18

Tuesday, May 26

Central CA Obon 2026  
Practice playlist with instructions

YouTube: "2026 Bon Odori Practice"



All practices start at **7:00PM**

**ALL AGES WELCOME!!**

Bring Round Fan, Kachi-Kachi, Towel and light-up rings.

Rings will be sold at dance practices & Obons

See Sensei Lesley or Sensei Lindsay!

Questions? Contact Lesley Guerra  
(559) 824-3163 or [lesleykg@prodigy.net](mailto:lesleykg@prodigy.net)

