



Sawasdee!

Happy New Year! We want to send out our end of year newsletter so that you can make plans. We hope you will join us for the end of year chanting at San Fran Dhammaram Temple. We also want to thank you for your continued support.

San Fran Dhammaram Temple's Fundraisers



2023 Kathina Completed

We are excited to announce that San Fran Dhammaram Temple's 2023 Kathina was a success!

This year we were delighted that so many people came out to support our event. The contributions this year will be put toward paying the remaining mortgage for Akaliko (our women's practice center), the cost of operating the temple, travel expenses for monks, the cost of health insurance, YouTube projects such as Animated Buddhist Stories, and the operating costs of the Wat San Fran School.

We would like to anumodana with everyone who participated in the Kathina event.

Upcoming Fundraiser



2024 Calendar Fundraiser

Every year, Wat San Fran publishes an illustrated color calendar with Dhamma teachings from Acariya Thoon. The calendars are freely available in Thailand and the United States. If you would like to contribute to the cost of our 2024 calendar, please do so through the channels below. \$20 covers the cost of 6 calendars.

Visit the temple and pick up a calendar today! We have a limited stock. Hurry. Don't miss out; get yours now.

To donate: Venmo | PayPal | DonorBox

Upcoming Fundraiser



Animation Project

One of our most popular YouTube series is the “Animated Buddhist Stories.” We publish new videos every Friday at 3 p.m. Pacific Time on the Watsanfran YouTube channel. This series provides artistic depictions of stories from jatakas and the Dhammapada. The artwork and animation are skillfully crafted by our own team and published with both English and Thai narration and subtitles in multiple languages. Our channel currently boasts 4.5 million views and nearly 25,000 subscribers.

Be a part of this impactful dissemination of Buddhist teachings by joining numerous donors worldwide in sponsoring the costs of producing these videos. A \$45 donation covers the approximate cost of 15 seconds of video.

To donate: Venmo | PayPal | DonorBox

Upcoming Fundraiser



Make it easier for good things to enter your life

Repair Backyard Stairs

Estimated cost
\$4,000–\$6,000
Please donate below

WAT SAN FRAN

Back Stairs Fundraiser

We recently discovered that the stairs leading into the library from the back yard were in a state of disrepair. Upon removing the damaged wood, we found many problems and have decided to replace the staircase. After removing more and more damaged material, we ended up removing much of the back wall. We have replaced the rotten wood and are in the process of putting everything back together again. This will take a lot of work and materials, but the monks of the temple are keen to tackle this job. We would appreciate help from anyone with construction experience.

We do not know the cost of the project yet, but we expect it to be in the range of \$4,000–\$6,000. If you would like to be a sponsor for this project, please donate below.

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Upcoming Events

San Fran Dhammaram Temple

◆ New Year's Chanting ◆

Sunday, December 31, 2023

11:30 p.m. - 12:15 a.m.

Every New Year's Eve, we gather to chant blessings to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new one. The chanting will start at 11:30 p.m. on December 31 and end at 12:15 a.m. on January 1. Start off the New Year with a meritorious deed by taking part in our Eight Precept observance program from Friday, December 29 at 7 a.m. to Monday, January 1 at 7 a.m. Receive the Eight Precepts Friday morning and spend your time studying the Dhamma, chanting, doing volunteer work at the temple, and learning Dhamma through various activities. Participants are allowed to spend the night at the temple (men) or Akaliko (women). Reserve your spot now by contacting us at watsanfran@yahoo.com or (415) 753-0857.

Join us for
Eight Precept
observance

Dec 29–Jan 1

San Fran Dhammaram Temple
New Year's alms round
Monday, January 1 at 10:40 a.m.



Every New Year, San Fran Dhammaram Temple and our members come together to make merit and start the new year.

The ceremony begins with a formal request to the monks for an opportunity to make merit by accepting alms in their bowls in front of the temple. The ceremony continues inside, where members offer food and the monks give a sermon.

New Resident Monk

Welcome Phra Thanakorn Phaleewong (Phra Deep), overseas Dhammaduta bhikkhu, to San Fran Dhammaram Temple. He was born in Udon Thani and ordained at Wat Pa Ban Koh. As of this autumn, Phra Deep has completed 7 vassas.

He will stay with us and help with religious duties and ceremonies and, most importantly, he will chant the Patimokkha for us when necessary. Please stop by to give him your warm welcome at our temple.





SCHOOL UPDATE

SPRING '24
enrollment period is
Dec 10–30, 2023

For more information contact us at
watsanfranschool@gmail.com

Wat San Fran School Update

Spring enrollment period is December 10–30, 2023. Spring '24 classes will begin on January 6, 2024 and end on May 19, 2024. Students will learn Thai language, music, and culture.

Classes are open to children aged 5 years and up. New students are required to take a placement test. For further details or to request the application form, please email watsanfranschool@gmail.com.

Application form ([download](#))



2024



NOW HIRING

THAI LANGUAGE TEACHER

Spring & Fall semester
(Sep - May) Sat & Sun

Summer semester
(Jun - Aug) Sun - Thu

Wat San Fran School is looking to hire a Thai teacher to join our team. The teacher will be expected to help teach children ages 5-15 Thai language and culture, Buddhism, and to help prepare for school events.

Requirements

- Fluency in Thai
- Conversational English
- Ability to create course/teaching materials to enhance Thai language skills
- Calm, quick-witted, adaptable and able to quickly solve problems on the fly
- Ability to get along with children ages 5-15 years old
- Prior teaching experience or certifications will be given priority
- Authorization to live and work in the U.S.
- We have a teaching curriculum that you can use as a guide for teaching activities
- Pay: \$18.07/hour

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (415) 753-0857 or email us at watsanfranschool@gmail.com



2024

Save the Date

Dec 31	New Year's chanting
Jan 1	New Year's alms round
Feb 24	Magha Puja
Feb 25	Magha Puja event

*Eight Precept observance

Dec 29-Jan 1, Jan 26-28, Feb 23-25, March 22-24



"Any good deed or virtue performed physically, verbally, or mentally produces desirable results. Wherever you may be born within the Three Realms of Existence, this merit and virtue will help relieve suffering as conditions allow."

Beyond The Stream Of The World

Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño

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