

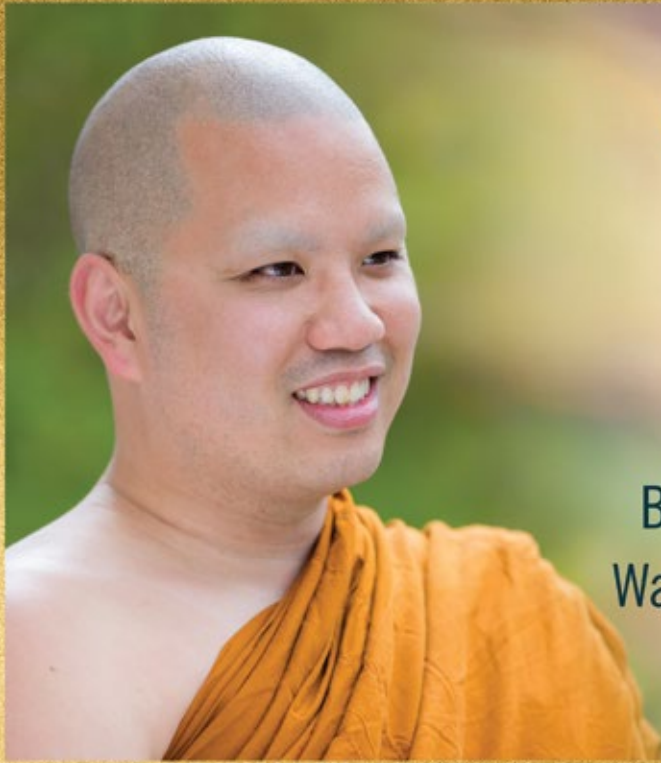


Greetings, San Fran Dhammaram Community Members!

April is already here, so we wanted to send out our first quarter newsletter to share a bit about what San Fran Dhammaram Temple has been working on this year, and what projects and events we have planned in the coming months.

As always, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support – it is you, our members, that enable us to be a thriving community for the practice and preservation of Buddhism in modern times.

San Fran Dhammaram Temple's Fundraisers



Anumodana with everyone
who donated to the

Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo

Birthday Fundraiser to benefit
Wat San Fran's Animation Project

April 3 Birthday Fundraiser

A fundraiser is held every April 3 in honor of Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo's birthday. This year, Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo pledged to contribute the entirety of the birthday fundraiser to support the cost of Wat San Fran's animation project.

Total raised: \$9,378

All together, this great merit could not have been made without you! We hope that you anumodana with each other and that this merit brings you prosperity.



Thank you & Anumodana

Cost estimate: 8,000
Total raised: \$9,450

Back Stairs Fundraiser

Last year, we discovered that the stairs leading into the library from the back yard were damaged. Upon removing the damaged wood, we found many issues and decided to replace the staircase, including the outside corner post, horizontal siding on the side of the building and the front of the stairway, downspout, and outside column.

With all your support, the project was finally completed. Anumodana.



Security Cameras for Akaliko Women's Center Fundraiser

The old system, which was in place when we purchased the building, had not been updated. Some of the old cameras were not functioning properly, and it's time to ensure the safety of the female practitioners, which is very important.

We are excited to announce that the new camera system has been installed at the Akaliko building. May all the great merits you made help protect and provide security in life.

Thank you & Anumodana

Goal: \$6,500

Total raised: \$7,200



Upcoming Projects – A New Chance to Make Merit

Join our fundraiser to commemorate
**Venerable Acariya
Thoon Khippapañño's birthday
on May 20**

May 20 Birthday Fundraiser

May 20 is a special day for us, as it marks Venerable Acariya Thoon Khippapañño's birthday, the anniversary of Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo's ordination, and Mae Chee Neecha's birthday.

We are holding a fundraiser to commemorate this auspicious day. The temple will donate the raised funds to a worthy cause of Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo and Mae Chee Neecha's choosing.

To donate: Venmo | PayPal | DonorBox

Upcoming Projects – A New Chance to Make Merit



Animation Project

One of our most popular YouTube series is “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 5 million views and nearly 27,000 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 \$50 donation covers the approximate cost of 15 seconds of video.

To donate: Venmo | PayPal | DonorBox

Upcoming Projects – A New Chance to Make Merit



2024 KPY USA Retreat T-Shirt

Exciting news! This year, San Fran Dhammaram Temple will be producing t-shirts for the 2024 KPY annual retreat!

The design is based on Venerable Thoon Khippapañño's book "Samma-Saddha," which will also be the theme for all retreats held this year.

Supplies are limited. If you wish to reserve one, contact us for more information. You can reach us at watsanfran@yahoo.com

Supporting Buddhism Overseas

Let your merit making have no bounds.

San Fran Dhammaram regularly contributes to Buddhist charitable projects all over the world. We search for worthy causes and support them as needed.

Khippapañño Dhamma Practice Center in Trang

Recently, the kuti, a small hut or lodging where a monk lives during Dhamma practice at the Khippapañño Dhamma Practice Center in Trang, Thailand, has been damaged due to a termite infestation. The center has a total of 10 kuti made out of wood, with 4 kuti already damaged. The Khippapañño Dhamma Practice Center plans to fix them soon. The estimated cost for each kuti is \$2,754, with an approximate total cost of \$11,017.

We invite you all to join us in this great opportunity to accrue merit together.



To donate: [Venmo](#) | [PayPal](#) | [DonorBox](#)

Upcoming Events

Wat San Fran Songkran Festival

April 14, 2024

Songkran

Start off the Thai New Year (Songkran) at San Fran Dhammaram Temple on Sunday, April 14, 2024 by giving alms and participating in the traditional watering ritual in which water is poured on the Buddha's relics, monks, nuns, and elders as a sign of respect and to ask for good luck and prosperity. After the ceremonies, head over to Golden Gate Park for fun and water games!

Schedule

- 10:30 a.m. Alms round
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch offering
- 11:10 a.m. Sermon by Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo
- 12:00 p.m. Sangha-dana offering
- 12:30 p.m. Sacred watering ceremony
- 1:30 p.m. Fun and games at the Elk Glen Picnic Area in Golden Gate Park

*If you plan to participate in the games at the park, be sure to bring some spare clothes!

Upcoming Events



Eight Precept Observance

Join us for the next observance on the following dates:

April 19–21

May 17–19

June 21–23

You will formally receive the Eight Precepts when you arrive. You will participate in daily chantings,

lunch offerings, hear sermons, and read Dhamma books. If you have any questions, the monks and nuns are happy to guide you in your search for answers. 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.

Mobile Consular Services

The Royal Thai Consulate will offer mobile consular services at San Fran Dhammaram Temple on May 15–16, 2024

Services Available:

Thai Passport Renewal:

Please note that Thai Passport Renewal is reserved for those who have registered for an appointment through the consulate's website. ([click here](#))

Thai Identification Card Renewal:

No appointment is required for Thai Identification card services.



We encourage all individuals holding Thai nationality to take advantage of this opportunity to renew their passport and ID card services at our temple.

Upcoming Events



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Visakha Puja

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Visakha Puja Day marks three major events in the life of the Buddha: the day he was born, the day he became enlightened, and the day he entered nibbana. These auspicious events miraculously fall on the same month and day –the full moon day of the sixth lunar month.

Join us in commemorating Visakha Puja at San Fran Dhammaram Temple on Sunday, May 19 with an alms round, group chanting, and a traditional candle procession in reverence of the Buddha.

Schedule

- 10:30 a.m. Alms round
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch offering
- 11:10 a.m. Sermon by Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo
- 12:00 a.m. Sangha-dana offering
- 12:30 a.m. Chanting
- 12:45 p.m. Candle procession ceremony

Upcoming Events



Join us for **KPY USA Retreat** June 17–23, 2024



KPY USA Retreat

June 17– 23, 2024

Every year since our teacher, Venerable Thoon Khippapañño, came to the USA, our community has held pañña (wisdom) style retreats. In these retreats, we gather and discuss real-world problems, learning how to fix them using wisdom, and learn to address the underlying views that give rise to our issues.

In the past, we held a large annual retreat every year at KPY USA retreat center in Redwood Valley. However, we lost the retreat center in the large Northern California wildfires in 2017 and have

since been holding smaller annual retreats at the temple. The theme for retreat this year is based on Venerable Thoon Khippapañño's book, "Samma-Saddha."

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Wat San Fran School



WAT SAN FRAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday April 20, 2024 at 1.30 p.m.

Wat San Fran School Open House

chantings, lunch offerings, hear sermons, and read Dhamma books. If you have any questions, the monks and nuns are happy to guide you in your search for answers. Participants are allowed to spend the night at the temple (men) or Akaliko (women).

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SUMMER SEMESTER ENROLLMENT

- Classes run Sunday - Thursday
- June 10 - August 10, 2024
- Placement test required for new applicants
- Age 5 and above
- Tuition fee \$250
- Enrollment begins May 1 and ends May 31

To request an application form
please email us at watsanfranschool@gmail.com

Summer Semester Enrollment

Summer enrollment period is from May 1–31, 2024. Summer '24 classes will begin on June 10, 2024, and end on August 10, 2024. Students will learn the Thai language, music, and culture.

Classes are open to children aged 5 years and older. The tuition fee is \$250, and a sibling discount is available. New students are required to take a placement test. For further details, please email watsanfranschool@gmail.com.

Save the Date

April 14	Songkran Festival at Wat San Fran
April 20	Wat San Fran School Open House
May 1	Wat San Fran School Enrollment Begins
May 15–16	Mobile Consular Services
May 19	Visakha Puja Ceremony
May 22	Visakha Puja Day
June 17–19	KPY USA Retreat

*Eight Precept observance
April 19–21, May 17–19, June 21–23



“We are flawed, and others can see our weaknesses.
Everyone serves as a mirror of reflection for one another.”

Paradigm Shift

Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño

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