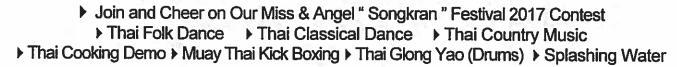
# Songkran Festival Thai New Year 2017



Come and join uS



From 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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Delicious Thai Food: your choice of spicy & medium or mild with healthy veggies.

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All are Welcome. Don't Forget!! We'll see you there \*\* Thai & Laotians communities in Hawaii \*\* Have lots of Fun!!!

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#### Thai New Year, Songkran Festival:

"Songkran" is the Thai traditional New Year. As a matter of fact, "songkran" is a Thai word, which means "to move" or "to relocate" as it is the day when the sun changes its position in the zodiac. It is also known as the "Water Festival" as people believe that water will wash away bad luck.

This Thai traditional New Year begins with early morning merit-making, offering food to Buddhist monks and releasing caged birds to fly freely into the sky. During this auspicious occasion, any animals kept will be set free. Paying homage to one's ancestors is an important part of the day.

After performing a bathing rite for Buddha images and the monks, the celebrants, both young and old, joyfully splash water on each other. Younger people will pay their respects to the elders by pouring flower-scented water over the elders' palms. The elders in return wish the young ones good luck and prosperity.

In this auspicious time, we are delighted to invite all of you to join our water festival, the Thai New Year celebration. There will be lots of Thai food, games, and performances.

Come and taste delicious real Thai test dishes, Enjoy Thai classical and pop music shows, Experience the strength and excitement of Thai kickboxing demonstration,

Learn about Thai culture and how to cook delicious Thai food,

Enjoy our cultural performances, including traditional Thai classical dance performances

All are welcome !!!
Please come and join us at
Queen Kapiolani Park,
Bandstand, Waikiki Beach,
Saturday, April 8, 2017
From 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



### Songkran Festival 2017

Thai Buddhist Temple of Hawaii Saturday, April 8, 2017



#### **Program**

10:30 a.m. Religious Ceremonies

11:11 a.m. Grand Opening Ceremony by Festival Chair, Mr. Pirutana Bhalang

- Welcome all to join the festival

- Official balloon release to open the Thai Songkran Festival 2017 by

Hon.& Mrs. Miyabara, Royal Thai Consular General of Hawaii

- Thai Classical Dance Performance For Grand Opening Ceremony

11:40 a.m. Food offering to the Monks

1:00 p.m. Welcome all pouring water on the Buddha Images, Monks, the

elders, families & friends (Songkran Ceremony)

- Glong Yao Performance

2:00 p.m. Thai Kick-Boxing Demonstration

3:15 p.m. Thai performances
Thai folk singing performance

4:00 p.m. Join & Cheer, Miss Songkran 2017

Contest, more performances

6:30 p.m. Festival Closing

All are welcome to

join the folk dance with the Miss Songkran 2017 and Thais & Laotians

7:00 p.m. Festival ends

## Program is subject to change without prior notice.

Have fun! Thank you and see you again in our next festival



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