2008 SERVICES & EVENTS at a GLANCE

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~ 2008 SPECIAL SERVICES & OBSERVANCES LISTED BELOW ~
WEEKLY FAMILY SERVICE: Sundays at 10 am; GOMEINICHI SERVICE (Japanese): 16th of each month, 10 am
Introduction to Buddhism: Fourth Sunday of each month at 9 am (except May and December)Y
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT SERVICE (military personnel only): Sundays at 8:30 am
DHARMA SCHOOL (Preschool thru high school) offered from September through June on Sundays following the Family Service
BTSD/VFW BINGO: The last Saturday of the month at 6 pm (except Oct and Dec; call for schedule)
All activities are open to the public (except at MCRD)
SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Please call the temple or check our website prior to the date to confirm.

Jan 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE (10 am
Jan 13: BTSD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/POTLUCK (12 noon)
Jan 19: BEC LECTURE by Visiting Minister (call BTSD for time)
Jan 20: HO-ONKO SERVICE (10 am) TEMPLE NEW YEAR PARTY (12 noon)
FEBRUARY IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH: Weekly activities for new and prospective members (call for schedule)
Feb 10: NIRVANA DAY SERVICE (10 am)
Mar 9: SPRING BENEFIT LUNCHEON and 50/50 RAFFLE (12 noon)
Mar 16: SPRING OHIGAN SERVICE (10 am) ABA CHOW MEIN LUNCHEON (12 noon)
Apr 13: HANAMATSURI or BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY SERVICE (10 am)
May 3: ANNUAL FURNITURE SALE (8 am-2 pm)
May 11: MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST (8:30 am)
May 17: GOTAN-E SEMINAR (TBA; call for details)
May 18: Gotan-e or FUJIMATSURI Service (10 am)
May 24-26: Dharma School Campout
May 26: Community INTERFAITH MEMORIAL Service, Mt. Hope Cemetery (9:30 am)
June 1: JAPANESE CULTURAL BAZAAR (11 am-4 pm). Taiko, koto music, traditional song and dance, martial arts, bonsai demonstration, performances and exhibits, sushi, delicious ethnic food, kids' games, crafts, bakery, strawberry mochi, anime workshop, plants and flowers, silent auction, door prizes, giant raffle at 4 pm. Free admission and public welcome
June 15: ALL-TEMPLE PICNIC (10 am-2 pm), Rohr Park
THROUGHOUT JULY: Obon dance practices, Sundays (10:45 am), Wednesdays (7 pm). Learn the simple folk dances to enhance your enjoyment of the annual Bon Odori on August 2. Free! Practice dates/times tentative; call temple in July for actual schedule
July 26: BEC LECTURE by Rev. Himaka (call BTSD for time); BTSD/VFW BINGO (6 pm)
July 27: Obon Service: Annual memorial service (10 am)
Aug 2: BON ODORI: Gathering of Joy (5-9 pm). Our colorful outdoor festivities begin with music, cultural displays, food sales. Family and community are invited to celebrate OBON, the Buddhist holiday dedicated to expressing joy and gratitude for the gifts of life, heritage, and those we have taken for granted or forgotten. We dance out of sheer gratitude for the contributions of people who made possible life as we know it. Japanese food, snacks, gifts,

books; a drawing to benefit the temple's youth; and a rousing taiko erformances. The unique OBON AGAIN RESALE SHOP offers new and vintage Japanese clothing, ceramics, gifts wares. Free, public welcome.
Aug 16 & 17: TWO-DAY GIANT PARKING LOT RUMMAGE SALE (Sat 8-2, Sun 8-12)
Aug 24: BTSD Golf Tournament
Sep 20: BEC SEMINAR (TBA; call for details)
Sep 21: FALL OHIGAN (10 am)
Oct. 5: ASIAN FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL (11am-4 pm) A variety of traditional and contemporary musical performances, plus delicious ethnic food served all day. Free admission. Concert is free to temple members, $5 general public
Nov. 9: EITAIKYO SERVICE (10 am)
Dec. 7: Bodhi Day Service (10 am), Jr. YBA Chow Mein Luncheon Fundraiser (12 noon)
Dec. 14: MOCHITSUKI (all day). Sweet rice is steamed, mallet-pounded and hand-shaped into chewy little cakes made for the New Year. Everyone is invited to participate in this unique, age-old tradition. Obon Again Shop opens its doors with unique holiday gifts.
Dec. 31: BTSD Year-End Service (7:30 pm) includes kansho bell-ringing and traditional soba snack. Year-End Bell Ringing at Shelter Island Friendship Bell (11:30 pm). "Ring out the old" on the huge bonsho, a gift to San Diego from the City of Yokohama. Located at the south end of Shelter Island Drive. Ceremony begins promptly at 11:30 pm. Free and families welcome. Dress warmly.