



Sri Mukambika Mahadeva Hindu Shrine

श्री मूकाम्बिका महादेव हिंदू मन्दिरः



September 10, 2025

Willamette Valley Hindu Temple

Re: Expanding Operational Hour

Dear Community Members,

Our long-standing goal is to keep the temple open ALL seven days a week. Achieving this depends on the dedication of volunteers from both the board and the wider community. Below is a clear outline of our current policy and how you can get involved.

1. **General Policy**

Whenever a board member or community volunteer is available to unlock, lock, and oversee the temple's operations, we will extend the temple's opening hours accordingly.

2. **Weekend Morning Schedule (Board Responsibility)**

The temple board guarantees that doors will be open for Darshan on Saturdays and Sundays from **10 a.m. – 1 p.m.** During these hours, we will also hold spiritual events and festivals celebrations for the wider community.

3. **Evening Access on Weekends**

If you wish to have evening darshans on weekends, we are seeking **sevaks** to staff the temple during 4-6PM on Saturdays and Sundays.

4. **Additional Weekday Openings**

The following avenues are available to open the temple on a weekday.

- **Festival Darshan on a Weekday** – When a festival occurs on a weekday, a community member may volunteer to keep the temple open for at least one hour of darshan for the broader community.
- **Regular hours on a Weekday** – If a community member is available to open the temple on a regular basis for Darshan (at least 1-2 hours for a month), we would expand the temples' operational hours.

- **Programs on Weekday** – To hold a one-time special program, which would include performing ritual, special puja ceremony, prasad, music, or additional setup, consider renting the temple hall. See our rental form here: <https://forms.gle/zThV3vrxHGGuBmXC8>

5. **Guidelines for Volunteer Darshan**

Devotees can come and do their personal puja following community guidelines. We will not have any pre-planned prasad or program arrangements.

6. **Volunteer On-boarding**

All volunteers must complete a brief in-person orientation (\approx 30 minutes). Sessions are held every weekend at **12:30 p.m.** starting September 13, 2025. Please sign-up for onboarding or volunteering for operations using this form:

<https://forms.gle/tC7NTz7qQ8Vyvs2t6>

7. **Being a Responsible Volunteer**

Please sign up only when you're sure about your availability, and at least 3 days prior to volunteer date to notify the community and update the community calendar. We strongly advise volunteers not to sign up for dates more than 2 months in advance as long-term plans are prone to change. Join the volunteers WhatsApp group for questions and all communications (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KxycWN91Wx6HLhe3wDIANm>). If an unforeseen event happens and you can no longer volunteer on the said date, please notify on the WhatsApp group as soon as you can.

Shared on behalf of the SMMHS Board,

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Communications Coordinator

Board: Anirudha Pandey (President), Vanaja Manda (Secretary), Sudha Vaikuntam (Treasurer), Meenakshi Kathuria (Spiritual Events Coordinator). Board Members at large: Bidyut Das, Havisha Khurana, Dr. Ramesh Marahatta, Dr. Manjunath Raju, Eldurkar Bhaskar, Prof. (Emeritus) Nilendra Deshpande, Mrudula Bobba, Mohit Singla