



## Gurdwara Singh Sabha

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## Anand Karj Booking Form

Anand Karj booking is on a first come first serve basis and it will be performed as per Sikh Rahit Maryada of Siri Akal Takhat Sahib

Your Full Name:		Cell #:	
Home Phone #:		Email:	
Address:			
Bride's Full Name:		Groom's Full Name:	
Date of Anand Karj:		Day of the Week:	

### Important Note Please read carefully:

Only the available Gurdwara Singh Sabha Granthi and Kirtani Jatha will perform Kirtan Seva and Anand Karaj  
 Diwan Hall decoration cannot be removed or changed without SAOF Executive Committee's written approval.  
 SAOF Executive Committee's written approval will be issued after joint meeting's decision.

Outside catering service must follow Gurdwara Sahib's sanctity, all rules, and traditions.

- Caterers will be responsible for cleanup after the function.
- All personnel must cover their heads and remove their shoes.

Smoking, alcohol consumption, drugs, and other substances are prohibited on the Gurdwara premises.

It will be your responsibility to educate your guests, Sikh and non-Sikh, about Gurdwara Sahib's sanctity, rules and traditions, such as covering heads and removing shoes before entering the darbar hall.

Total Anand Karj Donation ----- \$ 2100.00

Non-refundable amount due at the time of booking ----- \$ 1000.00

Your Signature is an agreement to follow the above mentioned rules without any compromise.

Date of request: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Handover this form to only SAOF Executive Committee members, otherwise it will not be accepted. Please Make Checks payable to **SIKH ASSOCIATION OF FRESNO**

Received by:		Date:	
Deposit Paid:	CHECK [ ]	CASH [ ]	CARD [ ] WEBSITE [ ]
Receipt #:	Confirmed by:	Date:	

We abide by Sikh Rahit Maryada of Sri Akal Takhat Sahib Ji. Please take the attached page for your guests.

## Basic Guidelines for non-Sikhs when visiting Gurdwara:

Please dress in modest and appropriate attire that covers the legs as guests will be sitting on a carpeted floor. If you are not sure whether the clothing is suitable, try sitting on a carpeted floor at home for a short period. Before entering the Main Prayer Hall (Darbar Sahib), guests will have to remove their shoes, place them in the provided shoe area, and cover their heads.

There is a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** for any substances, including tobacco products, alcohol, and other drugs, in the vicinity of the Gurdwara. Visitors cannot enter the Gurdwara while in possession of or under the influence of said intoxicants.

All visitors **MUST** cover their heads while in the main Gurdwara areas, such as the Darbar Sahib and Langar Hall. Head coverings for male and female attendees are available in the Gurdwara; however, a large knotted handkerchief or head scarves are also acceptable. Hats and caps, such as baseball-style caps and hoodies, are not appropriate.

All members of the congregation will be sitting on the carpeted floor both in the Main Prayer Hall (Darbar Sahib); however, chairs are provided for those who are unable to sit on the ground.

Upon entering the large prayer room called the Darbar Sahib, guests will walk toward the Guru Granth Sahib and bow with the head touching the floor to show respect to the Guru Granth Sahib. This is not required if you feel uncomfortable due to other religious beliefs or the like. When sitting on the floor, please be respectful of others as this is a place of worship.

Visitors will be offered Karrha Parshad in the worship hall, which is received with both cupped hands. This is made out of sugar, flour, and butter—three ingredients that were available to all, regardless of caste in India. If you do not want a large portion, ask for a “very small portion” to the Sewadar (volunteer) serving the Karrha Parshad. You may decline the offering, if desired. However, please do not throw it away if you do not like it; please give it back to the Sewadar.

You may be offered Langar, vegetarian food from the community kitchen. However, you are not required to partake in Langar. When in the Langar Hall, it is better to ask for less rather than wasting the food. Say “very little” to the Sewadar (volunteer) serving the Langar. If you want more, rejoin the Langar line.

Please visit <http://fresnosikhs.org/wedding> to learn more about the wedding ceremony.

Thank you for visiting.

Executive Committee

Sikh Association of Fresno