

## **CHAR DHAM HINDU TEMPLE**

# SPECIAL PRAYER AND BRICK CEREMONY

## Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM

8044 College Park Dr. The Woodlands, TX 77384.

The Char Dham Hindu Temple in The Woodlands will be a unique temple with all the four temples in one location, and the only one of its kind in the world.

The design is modeled after the Char Dham temples (Char means four, and Dham means temple) located at four corners of India today – Jagannath Dham at Puri in the East, Dwarakanath Dham at Dwarka in the West, Badrinath Dham at Badrinath in the North, and Rameswaram Dham at Rameswaram in the South. Char Dhams are regarded as extremely sacred to all Hindus and pilgrimage to the Char Dhams at least once in a lifetime is a dream come true for Hindu devotees. It is further believed that Adi Shankaracharya purposefully established these four Dhams in four corners of India during the 8th century, in an attempt to revive the Hindu religion and unify all Hindus across the country.

The construction of the Char Dham Hindu Temples in The Woodlands is just beginning. As part of this ceremony participants will receive bricks dedicated in their name to be built into the temples and be remembered through the life of the temple. Participating families will be provided with a set of four bricks – one for each Char Dham temple. The bricks will have the families' names identified on them. Participants will join in prayers led by our priests and at the end of the ceremony, the bricks will be taken by each family and placed on the four temple ground locations where they will be used to construct the temples.

Since space is limited, participation will be based on a first-come-first-served basis as we receive the mailed-in requests. Although a donation is not required in order to participate in this ceremony, your donation of any amount will be appreciated, and will be used solely for the construction of the temples. The Participants will be notified, and will be issued entry passes that must be presented on the day of the ceremony. Please fill out and mail in the form below as soon as possible to ensure the availability of the bricks with your family name.

A free lunch prasadam will be served after the ceremony.

#### For additional information contact:

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The Char Dham Hindu Temple in The Woodlands, Texas, is being constructed by SKAI Foundation which is a non-profit 501(c) (3) private operating foundation. Completion of the construction of the temple is expected by April 2016. For more information, please visit http://skaifoundation.org



#### Please mail this form along with your donation (if you wish to donate) to:



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