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24th annual

HIMALAYAN FAIR

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 10 AM—7 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 10 AM—5:30 PM

Live Oak Park

1300 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, CA
Shattuck and Berryman, North Berkeley
wheelchair assistance & facilities
Shuttle from North Berkeley BART

This event benefits humanitarian grassroots projects in the Himalayas.

Supporters include North Shattuck Association

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Authentic Himalayan arts, antiques and modern crafts, live music and dance performances and exotic foods highlight this 24th annual outdoor celebration of the great mountain cultures of Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, India, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Mongolia. The only such event in the world, the Himalayan Fair offers a wide range of accomplished stage performers (for children and adults) coordinated by Katherine Kunhramen of the Kalanjali Dance Company, featuring a range of international groups showcasing the traditional music, dance and costumes of their cultures.

This is a unique experience in harmonious diversity. One ambles among tents and booths scattered under the towering oak and redwood trees of the park. There is the spicy aroma of food baking over charcoal, the sounds of bells and singing, Tibetan long-horns and laughter. It is one of the few places where Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims, Jews, Christians and secular folks can and do gather in peace and pleasure share and learn about their cultures.

This weekend event also offers access to pertinent non-profit organizations providing travel information, health reports, mountaineering assistance, and current news concerning the Himalayas. This event is a benefit for carefully researched Nepalese, Tibetan, Indian, Mongolian, and Afghani grassroots projects that give children's education scholarships, medical equipment, water and nutrition resources and other aid. In the past few years the Fair has generated and donated over \$180,000 to these projects.

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