



## HIMALAYAN FAIR 2009

Dear Vendor,

The Himalayan Fair Committee proudly announces that the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Himalayan Fair will be held May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2009, at Live Oak Park in Berkeley, CA. We invite and encourage your participation. Exhibitors, crafts persons, food vendors and service providers are invited to display and sell crafts, arts, services and other items consistent with the Himalayan theme and focus of the fair. This also includes travel and trekking information. If there is uncertainty about compatibility, please include with your application photos or written description of what you intend to offer.

Himalayan Fair hours will be 10AM-7PM on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> and 10AM-5:30PM Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Entertainment will start at 11AM each day. We will present a sophisticated and diverse entertainment program including music and dance of the Himalayan communities. We are always looking for new additions to our entertainment program.

We have lowered vendor costs from last years \$650.00 to \$450.00. We realize that in this current economy it is difficult for everyone and hope that our friends who have been so loyal to us throughout the years and new friends too will be able to join us for our 26<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

The deadline for your application is April 1<sup>st</sup>. We urge you to respond early as space will be limited. New applicants will be placed on a waiting list until the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Acceptance notices and promotional materials (if requested) will be mailed out at that time.

Over its life, the fair has generated and donated over \$200,000 to grassroots organizations in the Himalayas. Himalayan Fair is free to the public and though we do raise funds through vendor fees to cover expenses, only through donations and our yearly raffle do we raise funds to sponsor Himalayan charities. We welcome all offers to donate an item to our raffle, offer entertainment for our program, volunteer at the fair and volunteering to promote the fair.

We have some Flats for sale if anyone is interested. There are multiple sections about 6 feet tall, Post and pegboard for displays. These would be great for permanent displays! Selling at greatly reduced cost!  
If interested call 510-869-3995.

Exhibits: At least 90 spaces, each approximately 10' x 10' and some 5' x 10' are available for vendors. Fair organizers will allocate spaces. Generally return vendors will be given the same or similar location from the past year. This years vendor layout will be different from past years due to our attempt to create more wheelchair accessibility than in years past.

Set-up: Each participant is responsible for setting up his or her own area. Set up may begin 2:00PM on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>. All vendors must not encroach on any sidewalks or paths at anytime during the fair. Vendors must stay within allocated space unless otherwise arranged with the Himalayan Fair Coordinator.

Promotion: The fair is publicized through postcard mailings, posters, internet and print calendars, announcements on the radio, print ads, The Himalayan Fair website and is co-sponsored by the City of Berkeley. Posters, postcards and flyers will be distributed to participants if requested for distribution within their communities.

Security: Private guards will be present as of Friday evening, however The Himalayan Fair committee cannot guarantee security. Participants are responsible for the security and protection of their property. You are all urged to look after yourself and each other. You are also requested to protect and respect the natural beauty and balance of Live Oak Park and respect the neighbors wishes for quiet time in the evening, night and early morning hours.

To apply for a booth, please print out the attached application. If you do not have access to a printer you may email us at [director@himalayanfair.net](mailto:director@himalayanfair.net) or call 510-869-3995 to have a printed copy mailed to you.

Mail applications to Himalayan Fair P.O. Box 7736 Berkeley Ca 94707

Looking forward to seeing you at the fair!  
Chandran Param, Himalayan Fair Coordinator