



DOWNTOWN MERCED LAO NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Brought to you by Vattanatham Lao Foundation

Saturday May 16, 2026



The **Downtown Merced Lao New Year Celebration** will highlight the culture and heritage of the Lao people, which were solidified during the reign of the ancient Lan Xang Kingdom (1353 C.E. - 1707 C.E. “Land of a million elephants”). After centuries of conflicts and border changes, modern-day Laos encompasses over 60 ethnic groups (including the Khmu, Hmong, and Mien) who also celebrate their respective cultural new years during different times of the year, as well as Lao New Year in April.

Before 2018, it had been over 30 years since the Lao community had a public celebration of the Lao New Year in Merced. Each year, we hope to make the Celebration bigger and better, as we do our part to help revitalize Downtown Merced.

Festivities will start at 10 am with the community taking part in giving alms and offering food to the Monks. Following the offerings, the parade will begin around 1pm. Traditional “Baci” ceremony, water Festivities, and cultural performances will be at Bob Hart Park. Food, Artisan, Business, and organization booths will fill the streets of Downtown Merced. Live music will be played from the main stage for guests to dance until closing.

There are opportunities for businesses and organizations to be a part of this event. Join us for the **Downtown Merced Lao New Year Celebration**, and we hope to count on your support.

Sponsorship Opportunities (not limited to one major sponsor):

Event Sponsor **\$2,500**

- Company logo printed in program and all material, plus *Entertainment* perks.

Entertainment Sponsor **\$1,500**

- Company logo displayed on the main stage backdrop, plus *Parade* perks.

Parade Sponsor **\$1,000**

- Company banner displayed during parade, plus *Baci* perks.

Baci Sponsor **\$500**

- Recognition as a host of baci ceremony, plus *Nang Sangkhan* perks.

Nang Sangkhan Sponsor **\$250**

- Company logo printed on Nang Sangkhan float banner, plus *Dancer* perks.

Dancer Sponsor **\$100**

- Company logo printed in program, participation in the parade, booth space, recognition at the event.

For more information about this year’s Celebration, please visit our website at <https://vatthanathamlao.org/lny2026> and our Facebook page at <https://fb.com/vatthanathamlao>.

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SPONSORSHIP FORM



PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE SPONSORSHIP LEVEL(S):

<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 - Event Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - Baci Sponsor
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500 - Entertainment Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 - Nang Sangkhan Sponsor
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 - Parade Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 - Dancer Sponsor

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION (please print clearly):

Organization: _____

Coordinator Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Sponsorship Amount: \$ _____

Enclosed is check #: _____

PLEASE INVOICE

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:

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