

Santa Clarita Valley
2012 Chinese New Year's Celebration

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Year of the Dragon

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A Free Public Culture and Educational Event

Sunday, January 22, 2012, 3:00 -5:00 pm

28141 Kelly Johnson Parkway, Santa Clarita, California 91355

(On-site of Albert Einstein Academy Charter School)

Culture Displays and Hands-on Activities

- Traditional Music Instruments
- Zodiacs, Puzzles, Stories
- Paper Lanterns
- Game: Drum and the red-flower
- Performances
- Photos/Video
- Music and Story
- Traditional Foods Showcase
- Games
- Chinese Calligraphy -
- Arts, Literature -
- Traditional Clothes
- Door Prizes

Children of the Dragon 龍的傳人

The Chinese Year of the Dragon starts on **January 23, 2012**. Asian countries and people of Chinese descent worldwide will celebrate the New Year not only with fireworks, dragon dances, lanterns and family feasts, but also with spiritual and social pride specifically associated with the Chinese Dragon.

Chinese Dragons symbolize potent, auspicious powers, strength, and good luck. People are compared or referred to the dragon for exceptional achievements and high social standings. In yin and yang terminology, a dragon is yang and complements a yin fenghuang ("Chinese phoenix"). In Chinese arts today, the dragon is mostly used for decorative purposes. It is a taboo to disfigure a depiction of a dragon.

Since the last century, Chinese people began to use the term "Descendants of the Dragon" (龍的傳人) as a sign of ethnic identity. A pop song in the same name had become so popular that people live under drastically contradicting political systems and geological areas can hold hands sing-along and feel the pride of being the Children of the Dragon.