



HOW KEERITH CELEBRATES  
GURPURAB 2010



# KEERITH IS A SIKH

Sikhs celebrate Gurburabs  
all year round.

Gurburabs remind the Sikhs of  
the lives and deaths of our 10  
teachers (Gurus).

Sikhs do special things  
to celebrate their lives.



# LOOK

- Symbols
- Colors
- Letters

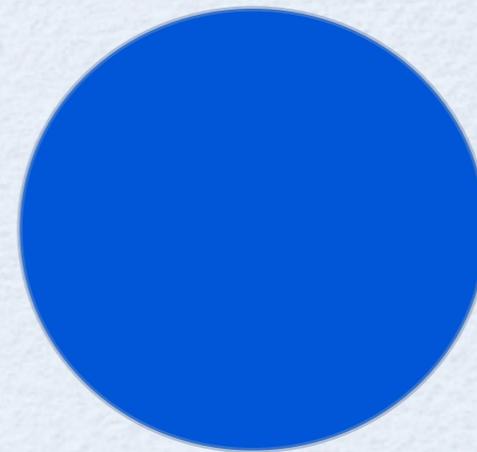
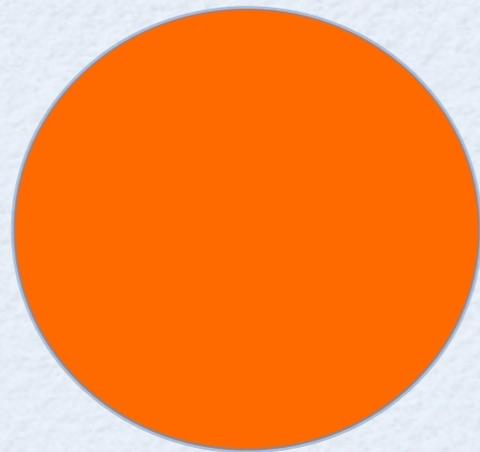
# SIKH SYMBOL



Khanda

# COLORS OF HISTORICAL MEANING FOR SIKHS

Kesri



Royal Blue

- Maybe worn or seen at the Gurdwara or home.

# GURDWARA



# LETTERS IN GURMUKHI

ੳ	ਅ	ੲ	ਸ	ਹ
ਕ	ਖ	ਗ	ਘ	ਙ
ਚ	ਛ	ਜ	ਝ	ਞ
ਟ	ਠ	ਡ	ਢ	ਣ
ਤ	ਥ	ਦ	ਧ	ਨ
ਪ	ਫ	ਬ	ਭ	ਮ
ਯ	ਰ	ਲ	ਵ	ੜ

- Gurmukhi is the language of our 10 Gurus (teachers).

# TASTE

- Karah Parshaad is a sweet pudding made of flour, sugar, water and butter. It is a symbolic reminder that everything that we receive in life is a sweet blessing from God.
- It is prepared while reciting prayer and stirred or separated at the end with a Kirpan.
- Without the prayer and the Kirpan it is known as Karah.



# TOUCH

- Guru Granth Sahib Ji
- 5 Ks

# GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI



# READING THE HOLY BOOK

- During Gurburab services at the Gurdwara or at home, there is a reading of the holy book in its entirety. A Sikh woman or Sikh man versed in the language and scriptures may perform this and any Sikh service.
- All men and women are created equal and there are no intermediaries between a devotee and God.

5 K S

Kanga



Kara



Kirpan

Kesh: Unshorn/ Uncut Hair

Kachera: Drawers

# SMELL

- The spices from the Langar Hall. This is a place where food is made by Sikh volunteers and served while everyone sits together. Everyone is welcomed regardless of religion, color or sex.
- Every Gurdwara on Earth has this place. In New Dehli, India a Gurdwara serves as many as 10,000 visitors a day.
- This is an example of one of the core values of Sikhism. Performing the process of cooking, serving and cleaning dishes for others engages the mind, body and spirit. It is a reminder that all people on earth are equal and it is our responsibility to provide Sewa or service to humanity in our everyday life.



# LISTEN

- Shabad Kirtan
- Musical Instruments



# SHABAD KIRTAN

- Hymns sung from the Guru Granth Sahib Ji  
the Sikh Holy Book

# SOME MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS USED DURING SHABAD KIRTAN



- Harmonium (Vaaja)
- Tabla (Percussion Instrument)
- Rabab (Stringed Instrument)

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