

Kwanzaa

A Celebration of Family, Community & Culture

Kwanzaa Ujima Collective
Kwanzaa Week Activities
26 December 2007 - 1 January 2008



Wednesday, 26 December, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Umoja (Unity)



**UMOJA (UNITY) NIGHT
CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY
& CELEBRATION**

Candle Lighting Ceremony, music, refreshments, poetry and wishes for community unity from community leaders, organizations and persons to mark the beginning of Kwanzaa. In the spirit of Umoja (Unity) the community is asked to bring clean, warm blankets and clothing for the needy.

Location: California African American Museum, 600 State Drive, Exposition Park

Sponsored by: The Kwanzaa Ujima Collective, The Organization Us, The Los Angeles Sentinel, The Brotherhood Crusade, Leimert Park Village Merchants Association, KRST Unity Center of Afrakan Spiritual Science, African Marketplace Boutique, Kwanzaa Heritage Foundation. KJLH radio is the radio sponsor for this event.
For more information call: 323/299-6124



Thursday, December 27, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)

Kujichagulia (Self-determination) Celebration in Historical Leimert Park Village

Libation, Candle Lighting Ceremony, African narratives and speakers on maintaining and sustaining African American commercial and cultural presence in Historical Leimert Park Village.

Location: Papa West Restaurant
4336 Degnan Blvd, Los Angeles, 90008
Sponsored by: Leimert Park Village Merchants Association
For more information call 323/296-2398



Friday, 28 December, 7 - 8pm
Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility)

A KWANZAA FESTIVAL

A Kwanzaa celebration with a libation ceremony, various cultural expressions of song, dance and poetry, and a community candle lighting ceremony.

Location: Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
Bradley Court

Sponsored by: African Marketplace Boutique and Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza

For more information call 323/293-3277



Saturday, December 29, 12 pm
Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)

Kwanzaa Heritage Festival & Parade

Kwanzaa Heritage Festival and Parade will begin at noon on Crenshaw Blvd at Rodeo and go south to Leimert Park Village, Vernon and Crenshaw. The festival will feature live entertainment, children's activities, food and other attractions.

Location: Leimert Park Village

For more information call 213/955-5239
www.KwanzaaHeritage.com

Saturday, December 29, 6:30 pm
Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)

"Gold Minds Kwanzaa Showcase"

Featuring Youth in Song and Spoken Word with an African inspired Fashion Show and African Marketplace that will offer authentic African fabrics, unique and affordable designs and accessories for the entire family.

Location: KRST Unity Center of Afrakan Spiritual Science
7825 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles 90043
For more information call 323/ 759-7567



Dr. Maulana Karenga, creator of Kwanzaa, and Tiamoyo Karenga discussing Kwanzaa with children from the Kawaida School of African American Culture.

Sunday, 30 December, 10am - 7pm
Nia (Purpose)

KWANZAA HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Location: Leimert Park Village
Vernon and Crenshaw Blvd
The festival will feature live entertainment, children's activities, African marketplace, food and other attractions.

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Monday, December 31, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Kuumba (Creativity)

KWANZAA KARAMU (FEAST) AN EVENING IN AFRICA

A feast of the finest of African foods, dancing, music, poetry and narratives. Featured artists include: Teye Sa Thiosanne African Drummers and Dance Ensemble, Mr. Dennis Flowers, and Ms. Jewel Kimble.

Location: Friendship Auditorium
3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles 90027

Sponsored by: The Organization Us - the founding organization of Kwanzaa
For tickets/reservations call 323/299-6124
www.OfficialKwanzaaWebsite.org

Tuesday, January 1: Imani (Faith)

Imani (Faith) is a special day of remembrance and recommitment to our highest values as persons and a people, and a time of turning inward and quiet reflection on the meaning and awesome responsibility of being African in the world.

Kwanzaa is an African American and pan-African cultural holiday which celebrates family, community and culture. It is based on African first harvest celebrations organized around five fundamental kinds of activities: ingathering of the people, special reverence for the creator and creation; commemoration of the past; recommitment to the highest African cultural values; and celebration of the Good. Building on this ancient tradition, Dr. Maulana Karenga created Kwanzaa in 1966 as an act of cultural recovery and reconstruction. A seven-day holiday, Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1 and is structured around seven core communitarian African values, The Nguzo Saba (The Seven Principles) which are directed toward reinforcing family, community and culture. The Nguzo Saba are: Umoja (Unity); Kujichagulia (Self-determination); Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility); Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics); Nia (Purpose); Kuumba (Creativity); and Imani (Faith).

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UNITING AND WORKING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT
OF THE 41ST ANNIVERSARY OF KWANZAA

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