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MILWAUKEE HMONG
NEW YEAR 2022-2023
CELEBRATION

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On behalf of the Hmong community of
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for their contribution in making the
Milwaukee Hmong New Year Celebration
2022-2023 a success.

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MILWAUKEE HMONG
NEW YEAR



Dec. 9th & 10th, 2023

WISCONSIN EXPO CENTER

Wisconsin State Fair

640 S. 84 Street, West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

MILWAUKEE HMONG NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



The New Year Celebration is the most anticipated and celebrated event in the Hmong's culture calendar. The celebration marks the end of the harvest season, which ends on November 31, and a time of rest with several days of music, singing, dancing, games, and food. It is also a time for Hmong people to start new lives, a new year, and a new beginning.

Traditionally, the Hmong New Year Celebration includes activities such as water buffalo fights, sports like kato, soccer, volleyball, topspin, and talent shows.

The Hmong New Year is a time for singles to find their mates as they have been working all year round and have not had time for courtship. The game of Ball Tossing is an opportunity for single men and women to win each others' hearts through traditional Hmong songs. If you listen well, you will hear the sweet words one sings to win the other. The singles who find their mate usually get married after the New Year.

The Hmong are a tribe of mountain dwellers, native to Laos with strong clan loyalties. Each clan is represented by their

last name. The patterns and the styles of clothing, head-wear, and jewelry tell which part of the country they live in.

The Milwaukee Hmong New Years are hosted by the Milwaukee Hmong Consortium which consist of local Hmong non-profit agencies such as Hmong American Friendship Association and Shee Yee Community of Milwaukee.

Traditional dances are one of the main attractions at the Hmong New Year. This past year, we held a dance competition which attracted dance groups from all over Wisconsin to participate. This year, we look forward to having another dancing competition.

Activities during the Milwaukee Hmong New year include:

- New Year Celebration traditional opening
- Traditional Hmong dances
- Traditional and contemporary Hmong songs
- Ball tossing
- Traditional Hmong cuisine
- Food and business vendors

