

Upcoming Events at Dharma Rain

June-July 2010

This is a brief listing of upcoming events. For full information on any of these events, please see www.dharma-rain.org or call the Center.

Summer Retreats at Empty Field

Stillness and Movement Qi Gong Retreat at Empty Field Zendo June 17-20. This retreat will incorporate periods of Qi Gong with traditional Zen sesshin mindfulness practices including zazen, chanting, oryoki and silent work. Both zazen and Qi Gong will inform the posture of our simple labors on the farm amidst the vibrancy of the summer solstice. All levels welcome: exercises can be modified to suit most body types and abilities.

Zen on the Farm: Cultivating the Way at Empty Field Zendo August 26-29. This farm retreat is intended to balance the natural mood of late summer, offering periods of reflection and rest and the discipline of a Zen retreat anticipating the fall schedule. It will be led by lay teacher and long time organic farmer Seido Martin and feature contemporary Buddhist writings on practice in nature. Newcomers and seasoned meditators are all welcome.

Parents and Children

DharmaGarden (Dharma School), Spring term ends with Dharma School Skits June 6.

Mandala on the Mountain (Dharma Camp) July 11-17. A weeklong summer camp for kids aged nine through eighteen who are interested in Buddhism. Every day there are traditional camp activities like swimming, crafts, sports, pillow fights and a campfire, as well as Buddhist practices like meditation, a chanting service, silent breakfast and mindful work practice. Preregistration required, and deadline for registration is July 1.

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Sangha Events

Gay Tea June 20 and July 18, 12:30pm. All Gay2Z folks interested in Buddhism invited. Zendo.

Men's Group 7pm on Fridays, June 18 and July 9. SH.

Seven-Up Group, open to members with 7 years or more of practice. Saturdays, June 12 and July 10, from 10am-noon. DH.

Sangha Films. Saturday, June 26, will be **Moon** hosted by Yoan Lowe-Charde. On July 10, Chuck Powers hosts **Fearless**. 7:30pm, Zendo.

Disciples Potluck Saturday, June 5, 6pm. Lay and Monk Disciples only. DH.

Zazenkai Saturday, July 24 from 5am to 5pm. A day of silent, contemplative practice. Preregistration required. \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Zendo.

Portland Buddhist Festival

Saturday, June 5. A Buddhist Festival in the Park, 11:00 am to 4:30 pm at Colonel Summers Park, SE 17th and Taylor. Gyokuko Carlson will be the keynote speaker, and Domyo Burk will be on a panel presentation.

A children's pavilion will offer activities for children all afternoon. Contact bpfportland@yahoo.com for more information. Contact the Center if you are interested in volunteering at the table during the day.

Pan-Buddhist Picnic July 4 at Great Vow Zen Monastery beginning at 3pm with a picnic at the monastery, with vegetarian burgers and hotdogs, and other delicious treats. (Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.) The feast is followed by games and merriment, inside and out.



Location Key

DH: Dharma House, 2539 SE Madison (corner of 26th)

Zendo: Portland Dharma Center building, 2514 SE Madison (corner of 25th)

SH: Sangha House, 2605 SE Taylor

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Summer Schedule and Classes

The schedule for summer is lighter than the rest of the year. But we will still have **morning practice** Wednesday through Saturday beginning at 6:30am with zazen, short service, soji, and breakfast. Most **Sundays** will feature dharma talks, either by one of the abbots or by senior students. **Wednesday evenings** will have meditation as usual, and instead of classes, there will be discussions (see below).

The exception will be three weeks of traditional summer break schedule (Wednesday evening zazen and Sunday morning services only) June 9–12, July 14–17, and August 25–28.



Looking Ahead

Softball game August 14

Zazenkai September 4

Backpacking trip September 10–12

Beginner's Retreat September 17–19

Term Student opening retreat September 25

Segaki October 22–24

DRZC China pilgrimage October 28–November 12

Rohatsu December 5–12

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Introductory Workshops (DH)

Introduction to Zen Meditation

- Thursday, June 10, 7–9pm
- Saturday, July 10, 1–3pm
- Thursday, July 22, 7–9pm

Starting a Buddhist Practice

- Saturday, June 26, 1–3pm

Classes and Discussions

Journaling as a Path toward the Dharma with Sue St. Michael will meet on specified Tuesdays 7–8:30pm. 1333 SE 23rd Avenue (23rd and Madison, two blocks from the Zendo). Make a note of the dates, as they are not consecutive Tuesdays: June 15, 29, July 6, 27, and August 3. Space is limited; please sign up by contacting the Center.

Sit Down and Shut Up with Rich Koken Vail-Mackin and Domyo Burk meets every Wednesday 8–9pm at the Zendo from June 2–July 7. Based on Brad Warner's book of the same title, which draws on Dogen's **Shobogenzo**, the discussion series promises to be provocative and interesting.

After July 7, **Wednesday evening discussions** will be led by senior student volunteers.

Fall Term Wednesday classes will begin September 29 with a study of **Everyday Zen** by Charlotte Joko Beck. The class will be taught by Fumyo Mishaga.

Tuesday evening Dharma Studies / Seminary classes on the **Lotus Sutra** begin September 28, taught by Domyo.