

# Upcoming Events at Dharma Rain

August-September 2010

This is a brief listing of upcoming events. For full information on any of these events, please see [www.dharma-rain.org](http://www.dharma-rain.org) or call the Center.

## Strategic Planning Wants You!

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), consisting of some members from the board and some from the Dharma Council, has been meeting during the winter and spring. Now we need the Sangha's input and ideas for the next ten years. There will be two series of meetings: (1) various cohorts within the Sangha with different perspectives; (2) more in-depth exploration of focus points identified by the SPC. Check out more information about the process and issues in the July issue of **StillPoint** and on the web. Please join us for appropriate cohort meetings and as many of the focus point meetings as you can.

### Cohort meetings

- Lay and monk disciples, Sat, July 24, 6pm. DH
- Full members, Thursday, July 29, 7pm. DH
- Residents (current and prospective), Tuesday, August 3, 7pm. DH
- New members, Wed, Aug 11, 7:50pm. Zendo
- Parents, Sunday, August 15, 10:30am. Zendo (childcare provided)

### Focus point meetings

- Succession and Leadership, Wed, Sept 8, 7:50pm. Z
- Children and Families, Sunday, Sept 12, 10:30am. Zendo (childcare provided)
- Rigor in Practice, Tuesday, Sept 21, 7pm. DH
- Facilities, Thursday, Sept 30, 7pm. SH
- Finances and Staffing, Saturday, Oct 2, 2pm. DH

## Parents and Children

Child care is offered one Sunday each month, August 15 and September 12. **DharmaGarden** (Dharma School) is out for the summer. See reverse for information about pre-registration for fall.

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## Sangha Events

**Men's Group** 7pm on Fridays, August 13 and September 10. SH.

**Gay Tea** August 22 and September 19, 12:30pm. All Gay-2-Z folks interested in Buddhism invited. Zendo.

**Seven-Up Group**, open to members with 7 years or more of practice. Saturday, September 11, from 10am–noon. DH.

**Sangha Films.** Saturday, September 11, will be **Zen: The Life of Dogen** hosted by Kyogen. 7:30pm, Zendo.

**Disciples Potluck** Saturday, July 24, 6pm. Lay and monk disciples only (see article opposite). DH.

**Oaks Park Disciples Outing** Thursday, August 19. Meet at 5:30pm at the picnic tables near the parking lot. Bring finger food to share. Lay and monk disciples only.

**Zazenkai** Saturdays, July 24 and September 4 from 5am to 5pm. A day of silent, contemplative practice. Preregistration required. \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Zendo.

**Softball Game** Saturday, August 14. Location and time TBD. When we reserve the site, we will post it on the web site and e-bulletin. Bring finger foods to share, and come join the fun.



**Zen on the Farm, Cultivating the Way** retreat at the Empty Field Zendo August 26–29.

**Summer Break schedule** August 25–28: no events except Wednesday evening and Sunday morning.

**Zen Meditation Retreat for Beginners** September 17–19. Zendo.

**Fall Term Student opening retreat** Saturday, September 25, 8:30am–5pm. Registered term students only. Zendo.

## Location Key

**DH:** Dharma House, 2539 SE Madison (corner of 26th)  
**Z, Zendo:** Portland Dharma Center building, 2514 SE Madison (entrance corner of 25th)  
**SH:** Sangha House, 2605 SE Taylor

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## Mountains & Rivers Backpacking Retreat September 10-13

We will be hiking into the Indian Heaven Wilderness in southwest Washington for 3 days and 2 nights. The retreat will include daily periods of zazen, discussion of a text, day hiking from a base camp, and lots of time for Sangha bonding. This is typically a wonderful time of year in this area — meadows blazing in fall colors, elk bugling through the night, some leftovers from the blueberry season, and no leftovers from the mosquito season. The hiking will be of mild to moderate difficulty — about 5 miles a day with about a 1000-ft total elevation gain.

Participants are expected to be members of DRZC, at least 18 years old, and to have some prior backpacking experience. Because of wilderness restrictions, space is limited to 10 participants plus the two leaders, Gyoshi Kaplan and Shisei Niski. Registration opens July 11 online and will be open on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is \$40.



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## Looking Ahead

**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, July 22, 7-9pm
- Saturday, August 21, 1-3pm
- Thursday, September 9, 7-9pm
- Thursday, September 30, 7-9pm

### **Starting a Buddhist Practice**

- Thursday, August 12, 7-9pm
- Saturday, September 11, 1-3pm

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## Dharma School Registration

Dharma School resumes and opens to new students September 26 and October 10. To assure your place, please pre-register online at [http://www.dharma-rain.org/?p=programs\\_ds-school](http://www.dharma-rain.org/?p=programs_ds-school). Registration opens July 22 for the 2010-2011 school year.

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## Classes and Discussions (Zendo)

**Wednesday evening discussions** are led by senior students beginning at about 7:50pm, following a short service at 7pm and zazen at 7:10.

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, Heidi Enji Hoogstra, and David Choten Robinson.

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