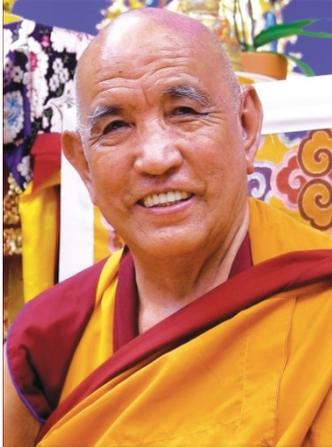


## Deer Park Summer Program 2017

Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

### One Program – Two Amazing Teachers – Three Courses



Jangtse Choje Rinpoche



Geshe Tenzin Sherab

**July 3 - 14:** The highly renowned [Jangtse Choje Rinpoche](#) (Gyume Khensur Lobsang Tenzin) will teach Lama Tsongkhapa's *Three Principal Aspects of the Path* based on the commentary by Pabongka Rinpoche.

**July 17 - 28:** Jangtse Choje Rinpoche will give a commentary teaching on Lama Tsongkhapa's *Praise to Dependent Origination* based on the commentary by Amdo Kunchog Lhundrub.

**July 31 - August 4:** Geshe Tenzin Sherab, one of Deer Park's excellent resident teachers, will give a commentary on Nagarjuna's *Suhrillekha, A Letter to a Friend* (also translated as *A Friendly Letter*).

**Notes on the Texts:** (Please register by June 1 to be able to participate in *possible* bulk book purchases.)

- In *Three Principal Aspects of the Path* Lama Tsongkhapa explains that renunciation, bodhicitta and a correct view of emptiness (voidness) are the three pathways of mind essential for reaching enlightenment through the sutra and tantra vehicles of practice. This text is often taught. However, not nearly so often is it taught based on the commentary by Pabongka Rinpoche, one of the leading scholar-practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Suggested Reading:

- An English translation of Pabongka's commentary by Sermey Khensur Rinpoche Geshe Lobsang Tharchin is available at [Principal Teachings](#). (Actual text being taught at the course. A bulk order of this text might be done.)
- Translations of the root text will be available at the course. Translations of the root text are also available at many sites online including: [Three Principal Aspects](#).

- "Lama Tsongkhapa's famous *Praise to Dependent Origination* marks Tsongkhapa's awakening. It is a praise of the Buddha as foremost teacher of dependent arising and emptiness, and is accepted ... as Tsongkhapa's clearest statement of faith." (Gareth Sparham, Lecturer in Tibetan Language). In this brief text Tsongkhapa shows that the essence of the Buddha's teaching is that dependent origination and emptiness are perfectly in harmony and that each implies the other. *Praise to Dependent Origination* is another text that is often taught, but again, not often using the commentary by Amdo Kunchog Lhundrub.

Suggested Reading:

- Translation of the root text by Thupten Jinpa: [In Praise of Dependent Origination - T Jinpa](#).\*
- Translation of the root text by Gavin Kilty: [Dependent Arising: A Praise of the Buddha - G Kilty](#).\*
- A published commentary of *Praise to Dependent Origination* by Geshe Lobsang Gyatso is available at [Praise for Dependent Relativity - Geshe L Gyatso](#).

\* One or both of the translations of the root text will be available at the course.



- Nagarjuna's *Suhrillekha, A Letter to a Friend*, is a "poetic presentation of the fundamental teachings of the Great Vehicle, or Mahayana, and is remarkable for its concise style and memorable imagery, making it one of the most widely quoted sources in other commentaries on the Mahayana path. The great Indian Buddhist master Nagarjuna (first-second century C.E.) wrote his celebrated poem "Letter to a Friend" as a gift of advice to a South Indian king, and it has since become a monument in the Indian shastra tradition." "Despite its short length (only 123 verses), it covers the whole Mahayana path ...".

Suggested Reading:

- Translations of the root text are available at: [Nagarjuna's Letter to a Friend \(A. Berzin\)](#) and [Letter to a Friend \(Sakya Center\)](#).
- A translation of Venerable Rendawa's commentary on *A Letter to a Friend* by Geshe Lobsang Tharchin and Artemus Engle is available at the Library of Tibetan Works & Archives and potentially at [Mahayana Sutra & Tantra Press](#). (A bulk order of this text might be done.)

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**Prerequisites:** Everyone is welcome to attend this program, though a familiarity with Mahayana Buddhist study and practice would be helpful.

**Schedule (Weekdays):** Jangtse Choje Rinpoche and Geshe Tenzin Sherab will teach **10:00 AM - 12:00 noon** and **2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**. During the first 2 courses some days will have a discussion session from 3:45 to 4:45 PM hosted by a senior sangha member or layperson.

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**Sangha Housing:** Very limited housing is available for sangha at Deer Park.\*\* Ordained monks should contact Ven. Lhundub Sherab (608-835-5572 or [Lsherab@hotmail.com](mailto:Lsherab@hotmail.com)). Ordained nuns should contact Cathy Kennedy ([ck621@hotmail.com](mailto:ck621@hotmail.com)). Please see the list provided for other housing options in the Madison area.

**Housing for Laypeople:** Lay students are asked to make their own housing arrangements. Please see the list provided for housing options in the Madison area.

**Suggested Donation:** The suggested donation for **laypeople**, including lunch\*, is **\$31/day**. Early deposit is not necessary. **The suggested donation for ordained sangha is zero. No one is refused for inability to pay.**

**\*Lunch:** A hot lunch (veg./non-veg.) is provided daily as part of the program so attendees have the opportunity to visit and have discussions while sharing and enjoying a delicious meal.

**\*\*Donations for Sangha:** Donations are welcome to help those sangha members most needing assistance in paying for housing at Deer Park.

**To help with planning, please register early by completing and either emailing or mailing the Registration Form.**

If mailing, send to: Deer Park Buddhist Center  
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If emailing: [deerparkcourse@gmail.com](mailto:deerparkcourse@gmail.com)

**Please let us know as soon as possible if you register but then are not able to attend.**

We sincerely hope that you can join us for this very auspicious program. Questions should be emailed to [deerparkcourse@gmail.com](mailto:deerparkcourse@gmail.com); or call Cathy or Frank at 608-572-2527. Updated information will also be available on Deer Park's website: <http://www.deerparkcenter.org>.



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