

Deer Park Summer Course 2014

Nagarjuna's Precious Garland

Monday, June 30th through Friday, July 25th

For Summer Course 2014 [Ganden Jangtse Choje Rinpoche](#) (Gyume Khensur Lobsang Tenzin) will give teachings on Nagarjuna's Precious Garland based on the commentary by Gyaltsab Dharma Rinchen.

"The Precious Garland is one of the classic texts of Indian Buddhism. Written by Nagarjuna in the 2nd century (C.E.) as advice to a powerful king, the text weaves together the themes of spiritual liberation and worldly power that is profound but accessible. Nagarjuna counsels the king on ... virtuous activities ... from providing ... hospitals, pure drinking water, and religious centers, to the best ways to overcome greed, lust and ignorance. ... Nagarjuna brings home the crucial insights of dependent arising and emptiness. ... The careful reader will come away transformed, strong evidence that the work has lost none of its relevance." **

** This quote is from the cover of The Precious Garland – An Epistle to a King, published as a special edition by Wisdom Publications and translated by John Dunne and Sarah McClintock. Wisdom has granted permission to photocopy the text. Photocopies (at cost) and electronic copies will be available for students attending this Deer Park summer course.

- A companion English translation attendees may want to consider is: Buddhist Advice for Living and Liberation, originally published by Snow Lion and translated by Jeffrey Hopkins. This includes the Tibetan of the root text.
- Copies of the Tibetan version of Gyaltsab's commentary will be available at cost for those who read Tibetan.

Schedule (Monday thru Friday): From **9:00 AM to 10:00 AM** there will be a group recitation of long life prayers for Venerable Geshe Sopa. Jangtse Choje Rinpoche will teach **10:00 AM - 12:00 noon** and **2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**. Some days will have a discussion session from 4:15 to 5:15 PM hosted by a senior sangha member or layperson.

The Long Life Puja for Venerable Geshe Sopa will be held on Sunday, July 20th

Sangha Housing: All rooms available at Deer Park for Sangha** are already filled for the time during the course. We are sorry. 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 the complete program (20 days), including lunches*, is \$580 (\$29/day). Early deposit is not necessary. **There is no charge for ordained sangha. 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 mailing or emailing the registration form.

If mailing, send to: Deer Park Buddhist Center
Summer Course 2014
4548 Schneider Dr.
Oregon, WI 53575

If emailing: 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 mailed to the address above or emailed to deerparkcourse@gmail.com; or call Cathy or Frank at 608-233-6954. Updated information will also be available on Deer Park's website: <http://www.deerparkcenter.org>.



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