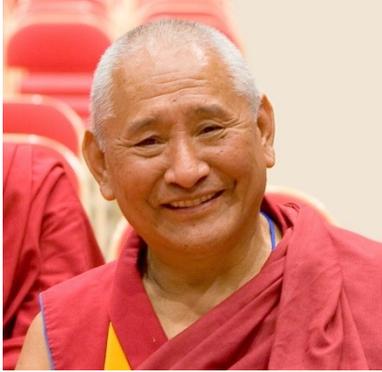


## Deer Park Summer Program 2019

Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

### Two Wonderful Teachers – Three Important Texts



Geshe Tenzin Dorjee



Geshe Tenzin Sherab

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Please note that this year's summer program will begin Monday, July 8th, during the auspicious visit to Deer Park of His Eminence the 7th Kyabje Yongzin Ling Rinpoche. For details of his visit, go to: [Visit of Kyabje Ling Rinpoche](#). Please note that no registration is required for the sessions with Kyabje Ling Rinpoche.

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### 2019 Course Schedule

**July 8 - 12:** Geshe Tenzin Dorjee, Deer Park's abbot, will give a commentary on Lama Tsong Khapa's *The Concise Treatise on the Stages of the Path to Enlightenment* (*lam rim bsdus don*).

**July 15 - 19:** Geshe Tenzin Sherab, one of Deer Park's excellent resident teachers, will review and then continue his commentary on Arya Nagarjuna's *Suhrillekha, Letter to a Friend (A Friendly Letter)* - *bshes pa'i 'phring*), based on Ven. Rendawa's commentary.

**July 22 - 26:** Geshe Tenzin Sherab will give a commentary on Acharya Kamalashila's *Middle Stages of Meditation* (*bsgom rim bar pa*).

#### Further Notes on the Texts:

- *The Concise Treatise on the Stages of the Path to Enlightenment*, also known as *The Song of Spiritual Experience* or *Lines of Experience* (*lam rim nyams mgur*), is counted among the 18 great Lam Rim (Stages of the Path) texts studied by scholars and practitioners, and presents the entire path to Enlightenment in 25 verses. Several electronic versions of the English translation are listed below and can be downloaded and printed for use during the course:
  - *Songs of Experience on the Stages of the Path* by Je Tsong Khapa. Translated by Thubten Jinpa, PhD. [PDF available from the Institute of Tibetan Classics](#).
  - *The Abbreviated Points of the Graded Path* by Tsongkhapa. Translated by Alex Berzin. [Web version available from The Berzin Archives](#).
  - *Lines of Experience* by Lama Je Tsong Khapa, translated by Sharpa Tulku, Khamlung Tulku, Alexander Berzin and Jonathan Landaw, is included in *Illuminating the Path to Enlightenment* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama of Tibet and translated by Geshe Thupten Jinpa. Produced by the Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive for Thubten Dhargye Ling Publications. [PDF available from Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive](#) (See page 179).



- Arya 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 ...". Text availability:
  - 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 at [Mahayana Sutra & Tantra Press](#).
- Acharya Kamalashila's ***Middle Stages of Meditation*** is considered a meditation manual and is a favorite of His Holiness the Dalai Lama who has said, "This text can be like a key that opens the door to all other major Buddhist scriptures." Text availability:
  - ***Stages of Meditation*** by His Holiness the Dalai Lama includes the English translation and Tibetan of the root text plus His Holiness' commentary on the text.
  - ***The Stages of Meditation – Middle Volume*** is a translation of the root text by Venerable Geshe Sopa, Venerable Elvin Jones, and John Newman, published by Deer Park. Copies of this translation will be available for course attendees who need it.
  - Many Deer Park students will already have one or both of these texts. Please bring your copy if you already have them.

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**Prerequisites:** There are no prerequisites, though a familiarity with Mahayana Buddhist study and practice would be helpful.

**Daily Schedule:**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 noon** and **2:00 PM – 3:30 PM:** Teachings

**12:00 noon - 2:00 PM:** Lunch, karma yoga cleaning jobs, and break

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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). 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. *Please send in a completed registration form even if you speak to someone else at Deer Park regarding your intention to attend the course.*

**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 and to receive notifications sent only to registrants, please register as soon as possible by completing and either emailing or mailing the Registration Form.**

If mailing, send to: Deer Park Buddhist Center  
 Summer Course Registration  
 4548 Schneider Drive  
 Oregon, WI 53575

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>.

