

**Tamdrin Yangtro Nagpo Empowerment and Teachings  
with HE Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse Rinpoche  
July 16, 2015**

**Essential Event Information**

**Updated 7/10/ 2015 with rideshare information**

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We look forward to welcoming you to Pema Osel Ling for our upcoming event with Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse Rinpoche. Kindly read through for relevant information.

**Retreat Schedule: July 16**

6:30- 9:00 AM            Parking and Onsite Check-in for July 16 guests (July 15 guests, see below)  
**Please arrive early as we expect upwards of 800 people.**

**All guests to be seated by 9:30 AM**

**10:00-12:30 PM        Empowerment**

12:30-2:30 PM        Lunch Break

**2:30-5:45 PM         Teaching**

5:45-7:00 PM         Dinner Break

**Payment**

It is **mandatory** to register on-line in order to gain admittance to the empowerment

**Options:**

- Credit card (and Paypal) – through [this link](#). Because of the many people we expect, we are unable to do this on site.
- Check made out to “Vajrayana Foundation” and mailed to Vajrayana Foundation, 2013 Eureka Canyon Road, Watsonville, CA 95076. Please write “DKR15” on the envelope. [Should the bank decline your check, you will be charged a 3% monthly fee on your remaining balance and billed for any bank fees.]

**Cancellation and Refunds**

**By July 8th** -- 75% of your fee refunded (allow up to 3 weeks for processing)

**July 9<sup>th</sup> onward**, regrettably we cannot issue a refund.

**Financial Assistance**

Vajrayana Foundation seeks to make Dharma retreats open to everyone, regardless of financial situation. We

offer payment plan options. Please contact [office@vajrayana.org](mailto:office@vajrayana.org) to make arrangements. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

### **Parking - Ride Share**

- **It is absolutely necessary that everyone carpool to Pema Osel Ling as our parking is very limited.**
- To park at Pema Osel Ling your car needs to be full
- A sedan: 3-4 people
- A SUV: 5-6 people.
- Save time and arrange a ride share online. A ride share forum has been set up through [this link](#). For instructions on how to use it, visit our [webpage](#).
  - If you can fill your car before leaving town or the airport, you will not have to stop at a carpool lot
  - If your car is not full, **do not** come to POL - go directly to a designated car pool lot
  - Partially filled cars will be directed up or down the hill to a CAR POOL LOT to pick up more passengers.

### **Car Pool Lots**

- There are two car pool lots reserved close to Pema Osel Ling for guests that did not arrange a carpool before driving to POL. Meet in this lot for last minute arranging of a carpool, as only vehicles at full capacity with passengers are allowed to park on site.
- There will be a parking attendant present in the morning to be sure all vehicles are at full capacity before heading to POL.
  - Remember to lock your vehicles, as POL is not responsible for loss of items.
  - If you leave your car in the carpool lot, be sure to arrange a ride with your driver back to your car after the teaching. Absolutely no overnight parking (Camp Loma gate will get locked).
  - LOT 1 - coming from Bay Area Route (Hwy 17) [Camp Loma](#) 29650 Highland Way, Watsonville, CA 95076
  - LOT 2 - coming from Santa Cruz/Monterey Route (Hwy 1) [Holy Eucharist Catholic Church](#) 527 Corralitos Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076 (Cross street is Aldridge)
- Once parked, guests will be directed to a footpath that ends at onsite check-in.
- If you are staying onsite, your bag/ tent, etc., will be shuttled to POL.
- For guests with **disabilities**, email [office@vajrayana.org](mailto:office@vajrayana.org). **We must hear from you to arrange transport as we do not allow driving on the land.**

### **Onsite Check-in**

- Prepare to present your waiver onsite, or send it to us ahead of time. To electronically send a waiver, [click here](#) and scroll down to the bottom of the page.
- A text (see below), meal bracelet, and onsite housing, if relevant, will be given at this point and guests will then be directed to shrine seating.

## July 15 Arrival

- **Campers -- 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM**  
**Dorm Tent/ Indoor Accommodation-- 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM**
- **If your flight comes in later than 8:30 PM, please email [office@vajrayana.org](mailto:office@vajrayana.org)**
- Reminder for July 15 arrivals, no meals will be served this day –
- No shrine seating admittance this day

## Texts

- At onsite check-in, a copy of the concise daily practice of the Intensely Wrathful Black Hayagriva, written by His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche will be offered to all guests.
- [\*Vajrayana Foundation Essential Practices\*](#) is a free PDF download in tablet format of the prayers and practices we may be using during the empowerment day. If you are unfamiliar with these recitations, please download and/or print.

## What to bring

- Water bottle
- Hat
- Sensible shoes for uneven terrain
- Sunscreen
- Prescription medication, especially asthma medication and heart medicines. Medical care is for all practical purposes an hour away. There will be a First Aid tent
- Do not bring a meditation cushion or a chair. Everyone will be seated in chairs.
- Please leave your valuables at home, bring only what is essential, streamline your kit.

## Additional, if staying onsite

- Flashlight
- Sleeping bag or sheets and pillow case
- Towels
- Tent, if camping, thermarest or equivalent
- Ear-plugs
- Warm- and cool-weather comfortable clothing plus a hat
- Toiletries

## Accommodations

- Onsite accommodations are no longer available.
- For those registered onsite, a separate email will follow.

## Meals

- Breakfast will be Continental-style. Lunch and Dinner will be vegetarian with vegan and gluten free options.
- **Reminder for July 15 arrivals, no meals will be served this day**

- Due to the high volume of people, we regretfully are unable to accommodate individual dietary needs.

### **Translation**

We will provide real time translation from English into Mandarin Chinese.

### **A note to parents about children**

- You are responsible for supervising your child/children at all times. We do not provide childcare. If your child is unable to sit quietly on a chair in the shrine room, you need to be prepared to take them out so that disturbance to others is kept to a minimum.
- Parents and children under 13 will be seated in the Family Section of the shrine tent.

### **Phones and Computers**

- Verizon provides the best cell phone service for this area.
- WIFI is not available during this event

### **Miscellaneous**

- This is a rustic location. **Poison-Oak** is a plant that induces allergic reactions in most people after contact so please keep to the paths to prevent contact with it.
- **Tick Bites** - If you have been bitten by a tick (some ticks carry Lyme disease), please visit the First Aid Tent. To inform yourself about ticks, [click here](#).
- **Wildlife** – do not feed or encourage the wildlife. Do not keep food in your tent as it will attract skunks, wild pigs, raccoons, and possibly mountain lions etc.,
- **Smoking, alcohol and recreational drugs** are not permitted on the land at any time.
- **Candles, fires, and incense** are not permitted on the land at all. We are at high fire risk year round.
- **Pets** are not permitted at Pema Osel Ling. If you have a service animal please email the office – [office@vajrayana.org](mailto:office@vajrayana.org)

### **Dharma Treasures gift shop**

Pema Osel Ling's store, Dharma Treasures, will be open during the breaks. We carry books, practice items, dharma clothing, statues and thankas among many other items to assist practitioners. We also stock protein bars, chocolate and sodas.

Dharma Treasures is located just up the hill from the Empowerment tent, next to the dining hall. Cash, checks, credit (Visa and Mastercard) and debit cards accepted.

Contact details: (831)761-6274, [store@vajrayana.org](mailto:store@vajrayana.org) [dharmatreasures.com](http://dharmatreasures.com)

### **Offerings**

It is traditional for individuals to make an offering to the teacher and translator at the end of retreats. We will provide envelopes for monetary offerings. These will be collected and offered at the end to Rinpoche and the translator. Please bring change with you as we do not have an ATM on the land.

While here, we hope you will have a chance to visit our Shrine Room, which houses our Guru Rinpoche statue and His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche and Kyabje Dungse Thinley Norbu Rinpoche's Kudung stupas, as well as visit Lama Tharchin Rinpoche's Kudung stupa on the lawn adjacent to the shrine, and the Dorje Drolod Stupa

site.

Thank you for your attention and much love,  
Jaffa

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