

STARTS VERY SOON!

**Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche will lead Tashi
Choling's Annual Vajrakilaya Retreat!**

**An 11-day Practice Intensive of His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche's
Putri Reg Pung Sadhana from Wednesday, October 23rd thru
Saturday, November 2nd**

**This year, we have the great good fortune to welcome Khenpo
Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche, a renowned holder of the Dudjom Tersar
lineage and a close student of His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche! He will
be joining us for most of the retreat, starting Oct 27th.**



Read Khenpo's bio [HERE](#).

WE REQUEST *EVERYONE* TO REGISTER ONLINE:

Please click this “[REGISTER NOW](#)” link.

THANK YOU!



During the first few days of the retreat before Khenpo arrives, Lama Chonam will be our Vajra Master. On Days 3 & 4 of the retreat, Sangye Khandro and Lama Chonam will teach in the afternoons. On Days 1 & 2, they have requested Keith and Ila to lead study groups on the Higher Activity Zindri for the Putri Reg Pung sadhana (instructional notes written by His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche, which have been recently translated) as well as the mandala.

Venerable Gyatrul Rinpoche established this 10-day retreat as his samaya commitment to His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche many years ago. We request all of Rinpoche's students from far and wide to join us during this retreat to keep our samaya commitment to our root guru to maintain this retreat yearly at Tashi Choling.

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**Regarding this Retreat, Venerable Gyatrul Rinpoche says:**

Vajrakilaya is a powerful method to clear obstacles. His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche told me to do it, saying that it would remove obstacles to the propagation of dharma and all virtuous spiritual and worldly activities. Also, the Dalai Lama asked me, seemingly out of the blue, "Do you practice Vajrakilaya?" He encouraged me in the practice and told me that at his command, Vajrakilaya practices are carried out regularly at his monasteries in Dharamsala. These great masters have explained the power and blessing of Kilaya practice, so we should practice! If we don't listen to them, then to whom will we listen?

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At His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche's request, Ven. Gyatrul Rinpoche promised to carry out a 10-day Vajrakilaya Retreat each year—and as students of Gyatrul Rinpoche, we, in turn, have the samaya to ensure this

retreat occurs at Tashi Choling each year. For many years, the Tashi Choling sangha has kept this commitment. Read Venerable Gyatrul Rinpoche's teaching [HERE](#) about the importance of always keeping this retreat at Tashi Choling along with our Spring Vajrasattva Retreat.

Vajrakilaya, the wrathful emanation of Vajrasattva, the Buddha of Purification, is a powerful deity to practice for removing obstacles, cutting through negativity, and swiftly progressing on the path. By practicing this profound treasure of His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche in a group setting, with all of the necessary ritual articles gathered, and in the presence of an authentic Vajra Master, we have the chance to gather vast merit and root out our negative habits.

Just as Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche foretold, Vajrakilaya practice is an important method for the removal of the obstacles facing all inhabitants of the world, particularly in these challenging and degenerate times. This retreat contributes to the pacification of all obstructing forces occurring worldwide, in our country, community, and within our own minds. Obstacles manifest as outer, inner, and secret, and this practice can and will remove them when engaged with wisdom awareness and the pure intention to bring benefit to all living beings. In light of the many disturbing events and difficulties arising both globally and on a personal level, we hope that everyone can join us in this sacred effort!

All Retreatants, Please Note:

Everyone who attends one or more sessions will be requested to offer a little time doing a retreat support task. This is in keeping with a long-standing tradition established by our Spiritual Director, Venerable Gyatrul Rinpoche, that all retreatants gain merit and purify obscurations by participating in retreat support activities. We are all one dharma family; and as a family member, we're sure you'll agree that offering a little of your time to support your fellow practitioners connects you in a deeper way to everyone else in the retreat—and it will also make you feel GREAT! 😊.

Bring Your Phurba!

Students are welcome to bring their own personal phurbas to be placed in the mandala during the retreat. If you bring yours, please label it with your name and phone number

and give it to the chopons before the first session on October 23rd, or any time during the retreat. Please remember to pick it up from the chopons after the retreat is finished on November 2nd!

Attendance:

To attend, you must have received a Vajrakilaya empowerment or permission from the Geku Team. If you have questions, please write to: tcretreats@gmail.com.

We request that you please take the time to download and read the Tashi Choling Rules of Conduct [HERE](#).

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Retreat Prep: Friday, Oct 18th thru Tuesday, Oct 22nd

10:30 am-6:30 pm daily: Come join us and learn how to make the permanent retreat tormas, set up the mandala, and other important aspects of the Dudjom Tersar ritual for this retreat!

First Day Sang Ceremony (Traditional Smoke Offering): Wednesday, October 23rd, 7:30-8:20am

Remainder of the retreat: The schedule for the first 4 days of the retreat will be as follows:

8:30 am – 11:30 am: Practice Session

11:30 am – 2:00 pm: Lunch break

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm: Teachings and Study Groups

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm: Short break

3:20 pm – 6:30 pm: Practice Session

After Khenpo joins us on Oct 27th, we will provide updates to the daily schedule when we have more information to share.

Cleaning Day: Sunday, Nov 3rd: All day

Attendance Fees:

Individuals: \$275 (or \$30/day)

Families: \$450 (or \$45/day)

OR per session:

\$10/morning session, \$20/afternoon session

Tsok will be offered each day during the afternoon session.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out the registration form.

Meal Packages Available (for whole retreat only):

11-days catered lunches (Meat or Vegetarian): \$140

10-days simple vegetarian soup dinners: \$100

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out the registration form and make your meal selections -- PLEASE NOTE: MEAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 16th!

If you plan to attend:

Please click this “[REGISTER NOW](#)” link to pay for the retreat, meals, and make other retreat support donations.

Whether or not you can attend:

You can connect with and support this retreat in a deeper way by offering to sponsor any or all of the following:

PRAYER LISTS: Names of the deceased and afflicted are announced throughout the retreat, and the merit of the practice is dedicated to those and all beings. You can include names on either list – please write them in the "Notes" section of your PayPal donation online, or include a note with your check, and indicate whether they are deceased or suffering in this life. Names of the deceased will also be saved for next year's Ceremony for

Guiding the Consciousness of the Deceased (the "Neydren" ceremony), which will be performed by the Vajra Master during the annual Vajrasattva Retreat. Please note: It is customary to include a donation -- large or small, as your means allow -- when requesting prayers on someone's behalf. Our teachers have stated that this protects the being from accruing karmic debt and increases their connection to the blessings of the practices being done on their behalf.

LIGHT OFFERINGS: There is perhaps no offering as beautiful as the dancing flames of the light offerings spread across the shrine each session! Sponsorship for a candle offering is \$35. You are welcome to provide a dedication to someone with your contribution.

TSOK OFFERINGS: A tsok (feast offering) is part of each afternoon's practice session, and a vast tsok will be offered at the concluding practice on the last day of the retreat. In Vajrayana Buddhism, the tsok offering is considered the most effective way for purifying and restoring breakages of the refuge vows, bodhisattva vows, and secret mantra words of honor, and for simultaneously amassing a vast store of merit and wisdom. Gyatrul Rinpoche and other teachers have reminded us often that, when you attend a tsok practice, it is important to bring an offering such as food or flowers, or make a donation to the purchase of them. For those who cannot attend, making donations for the purchase of tsok still connects you to the great merit and purification generated through this powerful ritual.

RETREAT OFFERINGS: From hosting visiting lamas to purchasing the temple's maintenance supplies and substances needed for ritual, the expenses of the retreat add up quickly (despite our clever and frugal shoppers!). Your donation connects you to the retreat's activities and blessings and makes all the various aspects of the retreat possible!

You may offer your sponsorship in one of the following ways:

(a) Use this convenient [PayPal link](#)

OR:

(b) Make your check out to

"Tashi Choling"

and send it to
P.O. Box 64, Ashland, OR 97520.

Please attach a separate note to your check that says
"Annual Vajrakilaya Retreat"

**Any amount is appreciated,
no matter how large or small!**

THANK YOU!!!!

AND A SPECIAL REQUEST:

Our current gyndak (sponsor) for our annual Vajrakilaya retreat is no longer able to commit their yearly support. We are looking for one or more people who would like to step up and take over this important role for this yearly retreat. While all donations, large or small, are always appreciated, there are a great many expenses associated with this retreat that require a reliable yearly donation source.

If you are interested in offering in this special way, please send an email to tcretreats@gmail.com or send a letter to Tashi Choling, PO Box 64, Ashland, OR 97520. One of our board members will contact you.

Thank you!!!