



Dear Members and Friends of the BodhiPath Sangha,



You are invited to attend a 9-day residential retreat with Lama Dawa Tarchin at the Casa De Maria retreat center in Santa Barbara. The retreat will begin on Friday evening, June 29, 2007 and end on Saturday afternoon, July 7, 2007.

Retreat in the Kagyu lineage is very special and involves setting up a physical boundary from one's daily life. Leaving one's home and entering a sacred practice environment with other practitioners can bring a deeper understanding of the dharma, a deeper experience of one's own practice, and strengthens one's commitment to benefit all sentient beings.

During the retreat, Lama Dawa will give teachings on the precious text, *The Mahamudra Prayer* by the Third Karmapa, Rangjung Dorje. "*The Mahamudra Prayer* is a short yet thorough and profound text which presents all the essential points of Mahamudra teaching in terms of view, practice, and fruition. It is a classic that, especially in the tradition of the Karma Kagyü School of Tibetan Buddhism, has been and is widely used whenever a disciple is given a first introduction into Mahamudra." (SLP Newsletter)

Also during each day of the retreat, there will be periods of sitting meditation and time to practice the Preliminaries. Because of the nature of the sacred environment, this retreat is residential and closed to all who do not commit for the entire time.

Lama Dawa became the student of the great Mahamudra master Guendun Rinpoche at Dhagpo Kundreul Ling Monastery in France in his early twenties. He entered into the traditional 3-year meditation retreat under the spiritual direction of Shamar Rinpoche and was ordained as a Buddhist monk. After his second consecutive retreat, where he received further transmissions of the Karma Kagyü Lineage, Lama Dawa began teaching throughout Europe and the US. Today, Lama Dawa devotes his time to practice, deepening his studies on dharma and languages, and aiding those on the spiritual path.

Below is a table showing the total cost of the retreat and a payment schedule. The price includes all meals and overnight accommodations and prices are quoted per person. Please note the cost of the retreat does not include an offering to Lama Dawa. At the end of the retreat, each participant will be encouraged to practice generosity by offering a teacher's gift to Lama Dawa.

Please mail your registration form and all payments to: BodhiPath Buddhist Center, Attn: SUMMER RETREAT, 113 West Gutierrez, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE	Due Date	Single	Double	Triple	Dorm
Initial deposit	<i>Immediately</i>	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
2nd payment	04/01/2007	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
Balance due in full	05/15/2007	\$ 585	\$ 400	\$ 300	\$ 225
Total cost of retreat		\$ 1,285	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,000	\$ 925

This retreat is open to practitioners of all levels. Having taken refuge is not a requirement; however, a refuge ceremony will be offered during the retreat for those wishing to receive it. We hope you will join us in this very special opportunity!

May the merit of our practice benefit all beings!



Registration Form

Santa Barbara Mahamudra Retreat with
Lama Dawa Tarchin
Fri, June 29 – Sat, July 7, 2007

Please mail this form and all payments to:

BodhiPath Buddhist Center,
Attn: SUMMER RETREAT
113 W. Gutierrez, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Website: www.bodhipath-west.org

Email: sb@bodhipath-west.org

Please make checks payable to: BBC

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PART I: PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

1 Name – Last, First and Middle Initial	
2 Address, Number and Street	3 Apartment No.
4 City, State, and Zip Code	
5 Email Address (REQUIRED)	6 Telephone No. (REQUIRED)
7 Name of Buddhist center you are affiliated with, if any:	8 How did you hear about this program?

PART II: RETREAT OPTIONS

ROOM SELECTION:	MEAL PREFERENCE:
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Room <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Room – Double (2 beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Room – Triple (3 beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Dorm Room Requested Roommate(s), if any: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Diet <input type="checkbox"/> No Red Meat <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Medically Restricted: <i>Please specify:</i> _____

- YOUR INITIAL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS REGISTRATION FORM. REGISTRATION AND RECEIPT OF PAYMENTS WILL BE CONFIRMED BY EMAIL.
- DORM ACCOMMODATIONS ARE LIMITED AND AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME BASIS ONLY.
- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP MAKE THIS RETREAT POSSIBLE FOR OTHERS, YOU ARE WELCOME TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE BBC SCHOLARSHIP FUND. PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP GIFT ON A SEPARATE CHECK, PAYABLE TO “BBC” AND INDICATE “SCHOLARSHIP DONATION” ON THE MEMO LINE OF THE CHECK.

RETREAT PRICING* AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

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