

Rain of Blessings

**2017 Bodhi Path Annual Gathering
June 23 – 25, Natural Bridge, Virginia.**

Featuring:

**Filling and consecration of Shamar Rinpoche's Reliquary Stupa,
Blessing of the Land Ceremony,
Teachings by Jigme Rinpoche and Trinlay Rinpoche,
Celebration with the Bodhi Path family.**



Join us as Jigme Rinpoche, Karma Trinlay Rinpoche and Lama Jampa celebrate the activity of the 14th Shamarpa by consecrating his Reliquary Stupa and the site of the building that will house it. Activities include preparation of prayers and precious objects to be placed in the Stupa, filling and consecrating the Stupa, and a groundbreaking ceremony for the Reliquary building.*

The Annual Program will also include:

- ◆ Teaching and practice with Jigme Rinpoche and Karma Trinlay Rinpoche
- ◆ Refuge Vows
- ◆ Discussions and Q & A led by Bodhi Path teachers
- ◆ Bodhi Path admin and info sharing meetings
- ◆ Celebration dinner, sing-along and dance party

Teaching, practice, and sharing the dharma with friends and fellow students is a rich environment in which to deepen a heartfelt connection to, and understanding of the Dharma. Join us to celebrate the Buddha's intent!

Date and Times: Friday and Saturday, June 23-24, 9:30 am to 6 pm.
Sunday, June 25, 9 am to 12 noon.

* For those who would like to participate more fully in the preparation of precious prayers and objects to be placed in the Reliquary Stupa, and join in the ceremonies leading up to the consecration, please consider coming early. These activities will begin *Sunday, June 18* and be led by Lama Jampa. All hands welcome.

**The Annual Program is followed
by an extraordinary teaching event
with Karma Trinlay Rinpoche
June 26 to July 2.**

The Way of the Bodhisattva

Teaching retreat includes:

- ◆ Karma Trinlay Rinpoche continues teaching *The Way of the Bodhisattva*
- ◆ Dharma Teacher Tsony will help facilitate the retreat

Karma Trinlay Rinpoche completes his teaching of Chapter 9, Wisdom, in *The Way of the Bodhisattva*. In this culminating chapter, Shantideva (c. 8th century CE) presents Wisdom through meticulous philosophical analysis known as the Madhyamaka School.

Date and Times: Monday, June 26, 3 to 5 pm. Tuesday through Saturday, June 27-July 1, 10 am to 5 pm. Sunday, July 2, 10 am to 12 noon.

General information for both programs:

Location:

All events for both programs take place at Bodhi Path Natural Bridge, located eight miles south of Lexington, Virginia, at the south end of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Address: 12 Bodhi Path, Natural Bridge, VA 24578.

Program fees:**

Three-day program: \$275

Includes teaching, celebration supper and daily lunches. (Housing additional.)

Karma Trinlay Rinpoche teaching retreat: \$300 for entire retreat, or \$60 per day Seven-day program. Lunch included on days with full-day schedule. (Housing additional.)

Attending both programs: \$500

***Events at Bodhi Path are open to everyone.*

Lack of means to make a contribution is never a reason to stay away

Space is limited. **Advanced registration is important** and must be made, along with full payment, no later than June 10, 2017. **Please reserve early to help our planning.** We expect a full house and highly recommend you make your program and hotel reservations early. (See Cancellation Policy.)

Accommodations:

Please make your reservations directly with the establishment of choice.

For questions about on-site housing during the **retreat** portion of the program please **inquire at:** housingva@bodhipath.org.

Hotel/motels:

South River Highlands, 540-463-2593. Lovely rustic cabins, dorm spaces, and private rooms. 15 miles from center, car necessary. Please call for pricing. Mention Bodhi Path. innkeepers@southriverhighlands.com

Budget Inn Natural Bridge, 540-291-2896. A modest motel 1+ mile from the center, for the “nothing fancy” crowd. Mention Bodhi Path.

Natural Bridge of Virginia Hotel, 800-533-1410. 5 miles from center.

For other accommodations 10+ miles from the center, please visit the Lexington Visitors Center’s website at www.lexingtonvirginia.com.

A shared house:

If attending both programs, shared housing is available at lovely McDowell House, on Preston Street, 9 miles from the Bodhi Path Center, in downtown Lexington. \$45 - \$85 per night. For more information or to **MAKE A RESERVATION** please write to housingva@bodhipath.org.

Camping:

Natural Bridge KOA. 540-291-2770. RV hook-ups, cabins, tents. 2 miles from the center.

Airports and ground transportation:

All airports require renting a car, limo service or ride sharing to get to the center. Ride sharing information will be sent out with confirmation of registration.

Roanoke, Virginia, about 45 miles away, is the closest airport. Car rental or limo service available. Limo Services: Roanoke Airport Transportation Service, 540-345-7710, and Prestige Limousine, Inc., 540-342-8049. Price depends on number of people traveling together. Call for pricing. Make arrangements early to insure availability.

Note: *Bodhi Path Natural Bridge will staff 2 shuttles departing from Roanoke Airport on Thursday, June 22 at approximately 3pm and 9pm. The return shuttle on Sunday, June 25 will depart Bodhi Path 1:30pm (arriving 2:30pm at ROA). Reservations imperative. To reserve a seat on the shuttle, write to housingva@bodhipath.org and include plane itinerary.*

Lynchburg and Charlottesville, Virginia, are regional airports, each about one-and-a-half hours away. These airports often have less expensive flights. You will need a rental car.

Washington, DC airports, Dulles International or Reagan International, about 200 and 210 miles away, respectively. You will need a rental car if you fly into either of these airports.

Baltimore International Airport, about 240 miles away. You will need a rental car from this airport.

Reservation and payment deadline:

Advanced registration for both programs must be made, along with full payment, by **June 10, 2017**. You may register on line with a credit card or mail a check payable to Bodhi Path along with Registration Form (see following page) to:
Bodhi Path Buddhist Center, 12 Bodhi Path, Natural Bridge, VA 24578.

Cancellation policy:

On or before June 16, 2017 your total program fee, minus a \$40 per person registration fee, will be refunded upon cancellation. After June 16, 2017 no refunds will be made.

For further information:

Call: 540-464-5117, Email: naturalbridge@bodhipath.org, or visit our website: www.bodhipath.org

Program registration:

Please print.

To register by mail, please fill out this registration form and mail along with check made payable to Bodhi Path Buddhist Center, 12 Bodhi Path, Natural Bridge, VA 24578. You may also register online and pay with a credit card by visiting the program page of our website:

<http://www.bodhipath.org/annualmtg2017/>.

Participant: Last Name _____ First _____

Address: Number and Street _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Email Address _____ Telephone Number _____

Additional Participant's Name(s) _____

| | Number attending | Fee |
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| Attending Teaching and Blessing Ceremony , June 23 to 25: \$275 per person. | _____ | _____ |
| Attending Karma Trinlay Rinpoche Teaching Retreat , June 26 to July 2: \$300 per person, or \$60 per day. | _____ | _____ |
| Attending both programs: \$500 per person. | _____ | _____ |

Donation:
Optional donation to support the 14th Shamarpa's Reliquary building: _____

Total:
I have enclosed a check made payable to Bodhi Path for: _____

Please note:
Your registration will not be complete until we acknowledge receipt of your payment.
Thank you.