

Lions Gate Buddhist Priory

Schedule of Retreats and Ceremonies for 2018

Ceremonies:

February 11: Parinirvana (Buddha's Death) Ceremony

February 18: Kwan Yin Ceremony (**at Lytton Chinese History Museum**)

March 11: Samantabhadra Ceremony

April 8: Manjusri Ceremony

April 22: Keizan Ceremony

May 20: Wesak Festival Ceremony (**at Prajnatarra Hall on the property**)

June 24: Kwan Yin Ceremony (**at Lytton Chinese History Museum**)

July 1: Achalanatha Ceremony

August 5: Baisajyaguru (Medicine Buddha) Ceremony

September 2: Segaki (Hungry Ghosts) Ceremony (**at Segaki Lookout on the property**)

September 9: Dogen Ceremony

September 23: Kwan Yin Ceremony (**at Kwan Yin statue, Fearlessness Peak on the property**)

October 7: Bodhidharma Ceremony

November 4: Founders Ceremony

November 11: Remembrance Day Ceremony

December 9: Buddha's Enlightenment Ceremony

December 31: New Years Eve Meditation Vigil & Ceremony (**at Prajnatarra Hall on the property**)

Retreats:

May 13 - 20: WESAK RETREAT (7 Days)

June 29 - July 1: ACHALANATHA RETREAT (3 days)

August 3 - August 5: BHAIJAGURU RETREAT (3 Days)

September 16 - September 23: KWAN YIN RETREAT (7 Days)

October 5 - October 7: BODHIDHARMA RETREAT (3 Days)

November 2 - November 4: FOUNDERS RETREAT (3 Days)

November 9 - November 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY RETREAT (3 Days)

NOTES

- Dates and times may change; we will keep you informed.
- Ceremonies will be held at a lay minister's residence in Botanie Valley, except where noted. If you would like to attend please contact us for details. Retreats will be held at the Priory.
- There is no charge for any of the Priory's activities. The Priory and its monastic community are entirely supported by monetary and material donations, all of which are received with gratitude. We receive no monies from the Order of Buddhist Contemplatives or the government. We put out our offering bowls with faith that our needs will be met. The Priory is a registered non-profit society, and donations made within Canada are eligible for a federal tax receipt.
- **The Priory will be closed March 26 to April 1; and December 2 to December 9 in order to allow the monks time for monastic retreats.**

RETREATS

- Retreats are open to all. **Please let us know in advance if you are planning attend.**
- We will arrange meditation instruction in our tradition if you have not yet received it.
- People are welcome to attend all or any part of a retreat. It would be helpful if you could let us know of your plans in advance.
- **Weekend retreats** will start on Friday evening at 7:30 pm for those people who can make it and end after a Sunday morning ceremony, **except where noted.** Some people find it convenient to arrive Saturday morning; this isn't a problem.
- **Seven-day retreats** start on Sunday at 7:30 pm and end on Sunday morning with a ceremony. Arrivals and departures can be accommodated at other times, but please let us know in advance.
- Our facilities are somewhat limited and primitive. We have running water, a rudimentary off-grid electrical system, and an outdoor toilet. It would be helpful (but not essential) if you could bring your own bedding and towels. Camping for tents, trailers, RVs etc is available.
- We have a phone and access to high-speed wireless internet. **We ask that visitors and guests put away their computers and internet-capable devices while here,** so that this can be a place where people have an opportunity to lay aside their worldly concerns and interests and look inwards through meditation and practice. **There is no cel-phone signal in the valley, but cel-phones work in the village of Lytton.**
- Please let us know in advance if you have any allergy, health or other issues that we should know about. **We are unable to accommodate special diets except for medically necessary situations.**
- We welcome any donations of food; please contact us before coming to see what's needed.

