



MOON ON THE WATER

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Yong Maeng Jong Jin Retreat Scheduled for July 21st – 23rd at Wellspring Conference Center

The time has come around again where we are planning our summer Yong Maeng Jong Jin retreat, July 22nd and 23rd, 2000. Yong Maeng Jong Jin is the Korean name for this type of retreat, which literally means "to leap like a tiger while sitting." This is an intensive silent meditation practice, involving many forms of meditation practice such as sitting, walking, bowing, and chanting.

The retreat will be led by Zen Master Dae Kwang, Abbot of the Kwan Um School of Zen and Guiding Teacher of GLZC, Original Root Zen Center in Racine, and Centers in Singapore and Toronto, and other locations throughout the world. We are privileged that Dae Kwang Sunim has found time in his busy schedule to spend time and lead practice with us.

This weekend retreat will again be held at the Wellspring Retreat and Conference Center, located on 32 private wooded acres in Newburg, WI. This rustic retreat center is perfect for a summer retreat, and is located about 35 minutes north of Milwaukee. Ask anyone who has come to our past retreats at Wellspring – the location is wonderful, and where else can you do sitting practice in a well-equipped barn loft?!?! As the retreat site has a large garden (an organic garden cooperative), the site provides a wonderful opportunity for outdoor work practice. We hear there is a new labyrinth on the grounds for walking meditation, and there are walking paths through the woods to accommodate any wishes to commune with nature.

The retreat will start off with a free Public Talk at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 21st, 2000, at the Conference Center; Zen Master Dae Kwang will lead a question and answer session at this time. If you are unable to join us for the retreat, please feel free to attend this talk. The talk will be followed immediately by a retreat orientation, so if you've never sat a retreat like this, have no fear! Practice begins again on Saturday morning at 6 AM sharp, and ends at 9:40 PM Saturday night. Sunday practice runs from 6 AM sharp to 3 PM. The fee for attending the retreat is \$70, including dorm-type sleeping accommodations and all meals, which will be done in formal style. If you are able to sit part of the retreat, fees are \$40 for attendance on Saturday, and \$30 for Sunday practice. We ask that you commit at least a full day (Saturday or Sunday) if you wish to attend.

Scholarships are available, as are detailed maps and directions. For more information or to sign up, please contact Laura Otto-Salaj at (262) 629-9868 or Peter Neuwald at (414) 771-2490. We hope to see you there!

Eye-Opening Ceremony at GLZC

Thursday, July 20th, 7:30PM

An Eye-Opening Ceremony will be held at GLZC on Thursday, July 20th, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. This ceremony is held to officially open a new Zen Center location and Dharma Room, as well as a new Buddha for the altar. The ceremony is very interesting and unusual, in that it incorporates some of the earthier feel of the Taoist roots of Zen Buddhist practice; it is an event not to miss, and a very joyous occasion for our Center and the GLZC sangha. We're so pleased that Zen Master Dae Kwang, Abbot of the Kwan Um School of Zen and our Guiding Teacher, will be leading this ceremony. Attendance is free, and we will be serving treats and corn tea afterward. Come join in!

One-Day Kido Retreat

Saturday, September 23rd, 9AM – 4PM

A one-day Kido retreat is tentative scheduled to be held at the Paradise Theater located just west of 60th Street on Greenfield Avenue in West Allis. Kido means "energy path" and is a chanting retreat using percussion instruments of all sorts. Join us in filling the old Paradise Theater with lots of chanting energy! Bring a bag lunch and one or more percussion instruments such as wooden blocks, rattles, drums, spoons, tambourines, etc.

Lapham Peak Hiking Retreat

Saturday, October 7th, 10AM – 2PM

This will be our second Lapham Peak hiking retreat. Bring a bag lunch and wear comfy clothes and good walking shoes. We'll meet at the Park and Ride lot just off I-94 on Hwy. C (Delafield exit). Head south on Hwy. C to the Park and Ride lot. We'll then head into Lapham Peak State Park together.

Getting to Wellspring

Directions from the East:

Take I-43 north from Milwaukee to the Saukville-Port Washington exit (Hwy. 33). Head west (left) through Saukville on Hwy. 33. Continue on Hwy. 33 for about 5 miles to Newburg. Take a right on Main Street (County Hwy. MY). *Immediately* after you cross the bridge, turn right on Hickory Road. Follow Hickory Road for about 1/2 mile to the Wellspring sign (4382 Hickory Road). Turn right on the gravel road into Wellspring.

Directions from the West:

Take Hwy. 45 north from Milwaukee to the West Bend exit (Hwy. 33). Head east on Hwy. 33 (Washington Street) through West Bend. Stay on Hwy. 33 for about 6 miles to Newburg. Turn left on Franklin to Main Street. Turn left on Main Street. *Immediately* after you cross the bridge, turn right on Hickory Road. Follow Hickory Road for about 1/2 mile to the Wellspring sign (4382 Hickory Road). Turn right on the gravel road into Wellspring.

Sangha Movie Night

Thursday, August 10, 7:00PM

We are planning on a Sangha movie night in lieu of practice on Thursday, August 10. The movie is The Stranger by Indian film-maker, Satyajit Ray. This was Ray's final movie. The film is being shown in *Weasler Auditorium* on the *Marquette University* campus located on 16th Street between Wells Street and Wisconsin Avenue. Some of us are also meeting for dinner at *The Highlander* restaurant on the corner of 60th Street and Wells at 5:30PM. There is no charge for the film.

Dharma Talk Wednesdays Start in September

Sept. 29, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, 7:30PM

Beginning in September, we will offer free Dharma Talks with a question/answer session on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Although these talks and Q&A sessions are geared specifically to help people beginning a practice, all are encouraged to attend.

Introductions to Zen

July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, 7:30PM

Introductions to Zen are held on the first Thursday of each month. The introductions are free and open to all and offer an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. All introductions start at 7:30PM.

Extended Practice Nights

Aug. 4, Sept. 8, Nov. 10 7:00PM – 12AM

Extended practice nights will be held on the Friday evenings listed above from 7PM until Midnight.

Moktak Workshop

Saturday, August 12th, 1 – 5PM

A workshop on using the moktak will be held on Saturday, August 12th from 1 – 5PM. Anyone interested in learning how to use the moktak for our chants is encouraged to attend this free workshop.

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Regular Practice Schedule of the Great Lake Zen Center

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30pm; Saturday at 7:00am

Other special events as described elsewhere in the newsletter. Unless otherwise noted, all events are held at the Great Lake Zen Center.

Beginners Always Welcome!

Unless noted otherwise, *Introductions to Zen* are offered on the first Thursday of each month. Starting in September, 2000, Dharma Talks are offered on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Both are at 7:30PM.

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