

SUMMER RETREAT IN TENNESSEE

# Empowerment & Teachings on Buddha Vajrasattva

***According to the Lineage of HH Dudjom Rinpoche***

**By Venerable Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche**



**June 6, 7 & 8, 2025**



**Padma Gochen Ling • Monterey, Tennessee**



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**In Person Vajrasattva Empowerment on Saturday, June 7**

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Vajrasattva is the perfect and complete embodiment of all the buddhas of the three times. Throughout the Tantras, Vajrasattva is known as the All-Pervasive Sovereign, the supreme embodiment of the entire tantric mandala, and the Lord of All Buddha Families. Meditation and practice on Vajrasattva is a powerful support for purification, bringing clarity and peace of mind, increasing positive energy and auspicious conditions, and swiftly revealing our innate qualities of love, compassion, and wisdom.

**Ven. Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche** is a holder of the complete Buddhist Nyingma lineage of study and practice. He was enthroned by H.H. Dudjom Rinpoche as a Nyingma Abbot. As an accomplished scholar and Vajrayana



master, Rinpoche has an amazing ability to convey profound topics simply and directly, making the rich, vast ocean of Dharma accessible and easy to put into practice.

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### **PRACTICE BOOKS SADHANAS**

The retreat texts will be available for purchase at the bookstore.

- Daily Practice of Vajrasattva by His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche
- Buddha Sadhana, Extended Edition, \$20 – Used for morning and evening practice and primary practice for this retreat. Some copies are available in the Temple.
- Daily PBC Prayers Extended Edition, \$14 – Opening and closing prayers for every practice.
- The Mountain of Burnt Offerings, \$12 – Fire Puja practice
- Offering Prayers to the Dharma Protectors, \$14 – Dharmapala practice

### **CONTACTS**

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### **PBC INTERNATIONAL**

See our teachers' website for their full schedule of teachings at Padma Samye Ling, our monastery and retreat center in upstate New York, including week-long Dzogchen retreats in July. [www.padmasambhava.org](http://www.padmasambhava.org).

# Buddha Vajrasattva Empowerment Info

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY

- 12:00 pm** Retreat center opens. Arrive anytime.  
**4:00 pm** Registration is open at the Sangha House.  
Please check in when you arrive.  
Dinner is on your own  
**7:00 pm** Friday Evening Practice  
**10:00 pm** Lights out / silence on the grounds

### SATURDAY

- 7-8 am** Morning Practice (Buddha Sadhana)  
**8:15 am** Breakfast (provided)  
**9:15 am** Welcome and review of retreat guidelines in the dining room  
**10 am-12:30 pm** Empowerment (w/ tsok)  
**12:30 am-1:00 pm** Tsok  
**1:00 am-2:00 PM pm** Lunch (provided)  
**4:00 pm** Fire Puja Practice with the Venerable Rinpoche  
**6:00 pm** Dinner (provided)  
**7:00 pm** Evening Practice (Heart Sutra)  
**10:00 pm** Lights out / silence on the grounds

### SUNDAY

- 7-8 am** Morning Practice (Buddha Sadhana)  
**8:15 am** Breakfast (provided)  
**10 am-12:30 pm** Teaching & Conclusion  
**1:30 pm** Refuge ceremony offered  
Clean up.

### REFUGE

If you are interested in taking refuge we will have a refuge ceremony Sunday after the closing of the retreat.

### SATURDAY WORK DAY

#### May 24 & May 31

We will have a scheduled workdays that will run from **10 am to 4:30 pm** before the retreat.

Bring any favorite cleaning tools you'd like to use and something for a potluck lunch. This is an opportunity to be part of up-lifting the teachers' mandala, providing the dharma teachings to others, and accumulating merit. Please join us for this meritorious activity if you can; the retreat is only able to occur by virtue of our group joyful effort.

All work scholarships are requested to attend the work days.

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### ADVANCE REGISTRATION

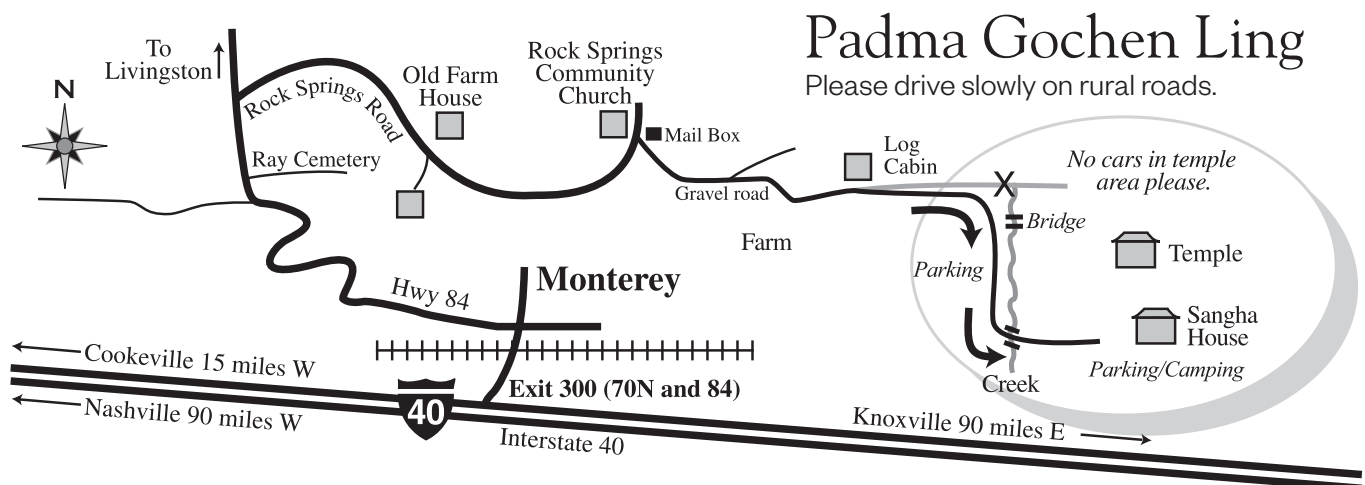
Non-members.....	\$150
Members* .....	\$125
College students and children under 18 .....	\$55

### ON SITE REGISTRATION AT PGL

Non-members .....	\$160
Members* .....	\$135
College students and children under 18 .....	\$70

Pre-registration is strongly requested so we can plan for meals.

## MAP



## Buddha Vajrasattva Empowerment Info



### \*MEMBER DISCOUNT

Please note that the member discount at all PBC retreats worldwide applies to those who have committed to yearly membership at any of the PBC centers. See registration form for details. You are welcome to use this form to become a member at this time, if you wish.

### VOLUNTEERING

At our retreat center, Padma Gochen Ling, all attendees participate daily in community work, whether in the kitchen, temple, or grounds. This helps the retreat run smoothly without too much work on any one person. Personally, it is also kriya yoga and generates merit so as to better realize the teachings. We invite you to help us adopt this practice – not only to better accomplish the retreat, but also to demonstrate that our community can support longer and more frequent retreats in the future. We appreciate your participation and joyful effort.

### FACILITY

Padma Gochen Ling is consecrated land, crowned with a temple. Our Sangha House contains a dharma bookstore, kitchen and dining hall. Rustic camping conditions: private outdoor showers with hot running water and outhouses. Sorry, no hook-ups are available. No tobacco, pets or intoxicants of any kind on the grounds. No individual campfires.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING

Cushion for sitting on a hardwood floor. (Limited chairs and cushions available.) **Personal refillable water container, or bottled water.** Lawn chair or blanket for sitting on the ground. Flashlight, insect and TICK repellent. Blanket and sleeping mats if you decide to sleep in the Sangha House. Flower offerings for the shrine are welcome. Snacks and a cooler with ice if desired. **Food for Friday evening meal.** Please take home any food you do not consume. Limited food available for Sunday's lunches.

### WORK SCHOLARSHIP

A limited number of work scholarships are available with advance arrangement. Work scholarship students are requested to come to workdays and stay after retreat until clean-up is complete. You will also have a job assignment during retreat. If you would like to request a work scholarship, contact Bonnie Holsinger, bdholsinger@gmail.com Please check in with Bonine upon arrival.

### CLOTHING

This is a rural retreat, so casual, comfortable clothes are recommended. Nights can be cool, days can be hot. Rain gear and hand fan recommended. Please help us maintain a meditative atmosphere by wearing modest clothing. If wearing shorts,

please bring a cloth to cover legs while sitting in the shrine room. For the comfort of others, please refrain from strong fragrances.

**NOTE** Shrine room protocol information is available on the website.

### LODGING

You are welcome to camp or bring a sleeping bag and mat and sleep on the floor of the Sangha House. The closest lodging is:

• **Quality Inn & Suites** (exit 301),  
522 East Stratton Ave, Monterey,  
TN 38574 US  
Phone: (931)584-0070

• **B&B in Monterey:** The Garden  
Inn at Bee Rock (exit 300),  
(931) 839-1400.

Other economical accommodations are available in Cookeville,  
20-30 minutes away:

**Hampton Inn:** (931) 651-1500

**Days Inn:** (931) 528-1511

**Econo Lodge:** (931) 528-1040

**Comfort Inn Suites:**

(931) 372-0086

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites:**

(931) 881-2000

## Buddha Vajrasattva Empowerment Registration

**June 6, 7 & 8,  
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Monterey, Tennessee**

**Advance registration fee:**

- ☐ **\$125 PBC members; all 3 days**
- ☐ **\$150 for non-member; all 3 days**
- ☐ **\$55 College students & children under 18; all 3 days**

Day of the event:

\$135/members, \$160 /non-members, \$65/students & children



**REGISTER  
NOW!**

**REGISTRATION** is required for all events at Padma Gochen Ling. Please pre-register by completing this form and mailing with your payment (Please make check payable to PBC) in full to the address listed on the bottom of this form or you can turn it in at Yeshe Tsogyal House, 419 East Iris Drive, Nashville, TN or register online at **PBC-TN.org**.

Pre-registration discount expires midnight June 7, 2025. Donation is tax deductible minus \$5 per meal.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please check if any of the above is new information

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Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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