



2012 Summer Camp at Tibetan Children's Village, Dharamsala, India

The seat of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Central Tibetan Administration, Dharamsala is the cultural and intellectual capital of the Tibetan exile community. It is also the headquarters of the Tibetan Children's Villages (TCV). It is where TCV in collaboration with the Office of Tibet in New York organizes the six-week Summer Camp for the Tibetan children brought up abroad.

In 2011, a total of 45 elementary and high school Tibetan students from the United States, United Kingdom, Netherland, Switzerland, Belgium, France, Italy, and Austria attended the TCV summer camp.

Objectives of the program:

The primary goal of the camp is to provide the Tibetan students with an opportunity to immerse themselves into Tibetan culture. Keeping this in mind, the core content of this year's program will be on developing and enriching Tibetan language and Buddhist thoughts.

Program schedule and events:

The Summer Camp starts on July 3rd, 2012 and ends on August 7th 2012. During these five weeks, the participants stay at TCV, where they attend regular classes in Tibetan language, culture and traditions, and Buddhism and Values. In order to make learning more effective, the participants are divided into two groups—beginners and advanced. The classes are conducted by the TCV faculty and guest speakers.

In addition, the camp participants explore life at several TCV schools in and around Dharamsala as well as the functioning of the Central Tibetan Administration. They also enjoy a wonderful presentation of Tibetan performing art by the local artists. So far, the camp participants had an opportunity to seek a special audience separately with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Gyalwang Karmapa, and to have close interaction with the Kalon Tripa.

After the five-week stay at TCV, the camp participants undertake an excursion to Rewalsar (Tso Pema), the legendary land associated with Guru Padmasambhava. The participation in the excursion is optional. An excursion to Tso Pema commences immediately after participants' five-week stay at the TCV.

Please note that parents and relatives are not encouraged to withdraw the participating students before the completion of five-week program at the TCV. Those who withdraw will not be issued the Certificate of the completion of the Program.

Eligibility:

The Summer Camp is restricted to the Tibetan school going students aged 10 to 19.

Accommodation:

The accommodation for the participants is arranged in different homes of the Tibetan Children's Village and not more than two students are accommodated in one home together. This arrangement is made to facilitate students to improve their spoken Tibetan language.



Rain Gear:

Since the monsoon season is in full swing during the time of camp, the parents are requested to include a complete rain gears (raincoat, boots, umbrella etc) in the packing list.

Travel Arrangement

The parents are requested to make the travel arrangements of the camp participants (flight booking and visa to India) well ahead of time. The parents should take full responsibility in this regard. In order to seek Indian visa, the parents need to seek a visa invitation from the Tibetan Children's village. In this regard, the parents can write to Mr. Thupten Dorjee at thuptend@gmail.com

Those participating students requiring air-port pick-up and drop off should notify the organizers well ahead of the time, so that a proper arrangement could be made.

Local Guardians

Parents should submit a letter authorization to the TCV administration, permitting the local guardians to take the camp participant(s) for outing or overnight stay with them during the camp. The letter could be send with camp participant(s).

Program Cost:

The total program cost is US\$350 per student. This includes board and lodging, stationary, teaching materials, site visits, excursion, and travel from Delhi to Dharamsala and back. Please note that the program cost doesn't include air-ticket to India and back, which needs to be borne separately by the parents.

Registration Dateline

The registration for the 2012 Summer Camp at the Tibetan Children's Village will close on May 15th, 2012. Parents are requested to register their children for the camp before the cut off date.

The interested candidates from North America should submit the registration forms along with the check for US\$350 to the following address. Please note that the check should be drawn in favor of the *Office of Tibet* with a note "*TCV Summer Camp*".

Tsewang Phuntso
Office of Tibet
241 East 32nd Street
New York, NY 10016
Email: phuntso@igc.org

Those from other countries should contact:

Summer Camp Coordinator
Tibetan Children's Village
Dharamsala Cantt, District Kangra
H.P. 176 216, India
Email: tcvsummercamp@yahoo.com
headoffice@tcv.org.in



REGISTRATION FORM - TCV SUMMER CAMP 2012

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Sex (Male/Female) _____

Grade _____

Freshman or Returnee _____

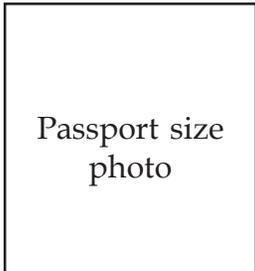
Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

Contact Phone _____ Home _____

Email address _____



KNOWLEDGE OF TIBETAN LANGUAGE (Please tick or circle)

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|-------------|-----------|------|------|
| a) Speaking | very good | Good | Poor |
| b) Reading | Very good | Good | Poor |
| c) Writing | Very good | Good | Poor |

SPECIAL INFORMATION

a) Current medication, if any _____

b) Allergies, if any _____

c) Dietary restrictions, if any _____

I understand that the Tibetan Children's Village and Office of Tibet will take utmost care of my child during the study program. However, if unforeseen tragedy strikes, I will take full responsibility. I will also authorize the Tibetan Children's Village to give medical treatment/care to the child, if required

Signature of the Parents _____

Date _____