



2013 Summer Camp at Tibetan Children's Village, Dharamsala, India

Objectives of the program

The primary goal of the camp is to provide the Tibetan students with an opportunity to immerse them into Tibetan culture. The specific objectives of the camp are:

- To enable Tibetan students living abroad to learn Tibetan language, culture, history and the basic principles of Buddhism.
- To help them to experience first hand the Tibetan exile community in India through visits and interaction with TCV students.
- To enable them to get a better sense of understanding and appreciation of the Tibetan cause and aspirations.

Program schedule

The Summer Camp starts on July 1st 2013 and ends on August 9th 2013.

This will be followed by an excursion to the Tibetan settlements and monasteries in Dehradun area from August 10 to 15, 2013. The excursion is optional.

Camp Programs

From July 1st to August 9th, the camp participants will spend five weeks at TCV, where they will attend regular classes in Tibetan language, history, culture and traditions, current Tibetan situation, and Buddhism and Values.

Since the participants' grasp on Tibetan language varies, the participants will be divided into two groups – beginner and advanced and separate classes will be conducted for each groups.

In addition, the camp participants will explore life at several TCV schools in and around Dharamsala as well as the functioning of the Central Tibetan administration.

Efforts will also be made to seek a special audience separately with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Gyalwang Karmapa.

Parents are not encouraged to withdraw camp participants 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.

Program Cost

The total program cost is US\$350 per student. This includes board and lodging, stationary, teaching materials, and site visits in and around Dharamsala.

There is an additional cost of US\$250 for the camp participants who wish to join the excursion to Dehradun area from August 10 to 15.

Eligibility

The Summer Camp is restricted to the Tibetan school going children aged 10 to 18.

The TCV Administration will also allow children below 10 years to participate in the camp as "day" students if accompanied by their parents or relatives in Dharamsala.

Those who are attending camp for the second time will have an opportunity to attend a special camp at the TCV School in Leh, Ladakh. However, the arrangement of this camp will depend upon the number of participants. The participants need to pay additional fees for this special program.

Accommodation

The accommodation for the camp participants will be arranged in different homes of the Tibetan Children's Village. Not more than two participants will be kept in one home together. This arrangement is made to facilitate students to improve their spoken Tibetan language.

International Travel Arrangement

The parents are requested to make travel arrangements (flight booking and visa to India) of the camp participants 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 Mrs. Tsewang Youdon at tcvsummercamp@yahoo.com

Travel Assistance in India

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 can be made.

The TCV Administration will provide necessary travel assistance to any camp participants who are not accompanied by their parents to India.

This special service will be provided to those who will have return flight booked on August 11 and 12 (for those who are not participating in the excursion) and on August 16 to 18 (for those who are participating in the excursion). The TCV Administration will not provide travel assistance to the camp participants whose return flight is booked after August 18.

The TCV will charge US\$100 for providing the travel assistance.

Registration Dateline

The registration for the 2013 Summer Camp at the Tibetan Children's Village is opened until May 30th, 2013. Please note that no registration will be entertained after this cut-off date.

The interested candidates from North America should submit the registration forms along with registration fees 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

Special Note: Those seeking registration for children below 10 years of age and those applying from other countries--apart from North America--should communicate directly to the TCV Summer Camp Coordinator in Dharamsala at the following:

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

Dress Code and Rain Gear

Students are requested to bring decent dresses during the camp. Since the camp participants are going to observe "Lhakar" (White Wednesday) every Wednesday during the camp, the participants must bring at least one set of the Tibetan traditional dresses.

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

Participants are not allowed to bring any electronic gadget during the camp except a simple cell phone and a light digital camera which has to be deposited with the home mother when they attend the classes.

Medical assistance

TCV health centre takes care of all the minor medical cases. However, major medication and referral cost should be borne by the parents.



REGISTRATION FORM - TCV SUMMER CAMP 2013

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Sex (Male/Female) _____

Grade _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

Contact Phone _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Email address _____

Returnee _____ Yes/No If yes, would you like to attend the camp at Ladakh TCV _____ Yes/No

KNOWLEDGE OF TIBETAN LANGUAGE (Please tick or circle)

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 _____

Passport size
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