



## 2015 TCV Summer School Program in Dharamsala, India

### Objectives of the program

The primary goal of the TCV Summer School Program (formerly known as TCV Summer Camp) is to provide the Tibetan students with an opportunity to immerse them into Tibetan culture. The specific objectives 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 School starts on July 1 and ends on August 7, 2015.

### Camp Programs

During the above period, the camp participants will spend their time at TCV, where they will attend regular classes in Tibetan language, history, culture and traditions, current Tibetan situation, and Buddhism and Ethical 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 the program. Those who withdraw will not be issued the Certificate of completion of the Program.*

### Excursion to Dehradun Area

After the completion of the formal Summer School Program, the TCV is also organizing an excursion to the Tibetan settlements and monastic complexes in and around Dehradun area. This excursion will take place between August 8 to 11 and it is optional.

### 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. Those who wish to join the excursion to Dehradun area, there is an additional fee of US\$250

### Eligibility

The program is restricted to the Tibetan school going children aged between 10 to 18 years old.

*The TCV Administration will also allow children below 10 years to participate in the program as "day" students if accompanied by their parents or relatives in Dharamsala. 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 School Coordinator in Dharamsala. Emails: [tcvsummercamp@yahoo.com](mailto:tcvsummercamp@yahoo.com) OR [headoffice@tcv.org.in](mailto:headoffice@tcv.org.in)*



### **Accommodation**

The accommodation for the 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 participants well ahead of time. The parents should take full responsibility in this regard.

In order to seek Indian visa, the parents need to obtain a visa invitation from the Tibetan Children's village. In this regard, please contact Mr Jigme Karleg at: [tcvsummercamp@yahoo.com](mailto:tcvsummercamp@yahoo.com)

### **Travel Assistance in India**

Participants requiring airport pick-up and drop-off should notify the organizers well ahead of the time to facilitate necessary arrangements.

The TCV Administration will provide necessary travel assistance to the participants who are not accompanied by their parents or relatives to India.

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

### **Registration Dateline**

The registration for the program is opened until May 30th, 2015. 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*".

Office of Tibet  
(TCV Summer School Program)  
1228 17th Street NW  
Washington DC 20036  
Email: [otdcoutreach@tibet.net](mailto:otdcoutreach@tibet.net)

**Special Note:** From this year on, Mr Tenzin Ignjen in the Office of Tibet, Washington DC, will coordinate the registration of the TCV Summer School Program from the North America (United States and Canada)

### **Dress Code and Rain Gear**

Students are requested to bring decent dresses for the program. Since the 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 summer school, the 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**

The 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 SCHOOL PROGRAM

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sex (Male/Female)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone (home)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_



**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*

**INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE EXCURSION TO DEHRADUN AREA**      Yes      No

Signature of the Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_