

Pine Wind Zen Center

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Formal Apprenticeship Training

Ango 2010-2011 Beginning September 11, 2010

Lotus in the Fire - Zen Training for Home Practitioners

The Formal Apprenticeship Training Program

is reserved for those who have a genuine spiritual aspiration to come to awakening (Enlightenment) and willing to exert themselves in their practice.

Tuition

The tuition of \$1200 is equal to membership in The Zen Society at the Temple Benefactor Level. (Temple Benefactor \$1200 Annually)

Includes access to all other Zen Center events at a discounted rate, meals and lodging during Sesshin's and One-Day Retreats, Lay-Robes, and meditation and study materials.

50% deposit required by September 4th. Balance payable in monthly installments of \$100 per/month (no later than the 15th of each month).

Partial work-scholarships are available. For students and persons on fixed incomes.

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Minimum Requirements

Even though everyone is encouraged to participate at **a level of commitment that is appropriate to their circumstances**, all students are strongly encouraged to attend:

One-Day Introduction to Zen Retreat

2 Wednesday evening classes a month

Sunday Liturgy

Fall & Winter Sesshin's (October - December) including O-Rohatsu Sesshin in December.

Monthly Dokusan by Appointment or during Sesshin.

Volunteer Regularly for (Samu) Work Practice.

Exceptions - Family Related *Emergency*, Job Responsibilities, or an illness that may be contagious to others.

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Application

* Please include a recent photograph of yourself when returning this application.

* All questions must be answered. If for any reason a question does not apply to you please write N/A.

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone: (H)

(W)

(Cell)

Email Address:

Emergency Contact Information:

Birthdate:

Are you presently a member of The Zen Society?

Yes

No

Have you ever participated in a Sesshin?

Yes

No

If yes, how many times and where?

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Do you have any dietary restrictions? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

What special talents or interests do you bring that may be of benefit to The Zen Society?

Have you read the detailed description of the Training Program including the days and times of minimum required participation?

Yes No

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Please attach an additional page with your answers to each of the following questions, numbering your corresponding responses:

- 1. Describe in your own words your interest in studying with Seijaku Roshi as well as expectations or personal goals you wish to achieve:**
- 2. Please provide a brief personal history.**
- 3. Describe any significant physical, psychological, or emotional difficulties, particularly those for which you have received or are presently receiving professional help or have been hospitalized for.**
- 4. Current use of prescription medications. If any, please list medications and briefly describe the conditions being treated.**

Do you plan to continue your medication during this practice period?

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5. Describe any history of alcohol or substance abuse.

Please list any treatment programs and dates.

6. Describe any past or current eating disorders.

7. Describe any current medical problems (e.g. back, sciatica, or knee injury, chronic stress conditions, food or other serious allergies.) that may effect the quality of your participation.

8. Describe any limitations that would prevent you from completely following the practice period schedule.

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I understand that entering the Formal Apprenticeship Training (For the Lay-person) at Pine Wind Zen Center is a serious commitment to study The Way and to being a member of Pine Wind Zen Community. I also understand that answering these questions will provide the necessary information to best support me throughout my training. I choose to provide this information freely and understand that it will be used only for the purpose of determining my participation level, and that at all times will be kept confidential and proprietary.

(Please write your Initials >>)

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Agreement

I agree to be responsible for producing the maximum results of my training. I understand that I will be guided, instructed, and supported by the Monks of Pine Wind, senior students, and Seijaku Roshi; I understand that I am responsible for my participation at the level of my commitment and producing the results I desire out of my training.

I agree to conduct my self during my tenure only and according to the Zendo Manners and Etiquette prescribed. I also agree to respectfully follow the instructions of the senior monks, senior students and Seijaku Roshi, my teacher.

I agree not to use any hallucinogens, marijuana, or any other illegal substances during my tenure at Pine Wind.

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I agree to pay the balance in full of any financial obligations incurred by me as a result of my tenure. (Formal Training Tuition: \$1200 annual. 50% Deposit Required by September 4, 2010. Further Installments of \$100 per/month for the balance due. Any additional fees for other programs I may choose to register for.)

I agree to be responsible for the care and safety of my robes and any other practice materials provided me during my tenure. I agree to keep my robes clean and pressed at all times.

I agree to communicate immediately and effectively whether to asks questions or to deliver information to my Guardian or a senior monk of the monastery (**Including returning all phone calls and email communications within a 12 hour period.**)

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I ask that Seijaku Roshi consider me as a student for the up and coming Formal Apprenticeship Program beginning September 14, 2010 to June 31, 2011.

Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

Witness Signature:

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If you have any questions about financial assistance, partial work-exchange, or any other matters related to the application process, please email Sejjaku@jizo-an.org.

Please mail or deliver: 1) the completed application, 2) your personal statement to:

Pine Wind Zen Center 863 McKendimen Road, Shamong NJ 08088. No later than - August 15, 2010.

A non-refundable deposit of \$600.00 is required by the time of the beginning of the practice period. Monthly installments for the balance each month is due no later than the 15th of each month.

All information without exception provided in this application will be held - CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY.