

Summer Camps at the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center

In keeping with our mission to help preserve both the Tibetan and Mongolian cultures, the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center facilitates Summer Camps for the children of Tibetan and Mongolian families who are now living in the United States.

Camp Objectives

1. To expose Mongolian and Tibetan youngsters to their culture and language, and also to the essence of Buddhism.
2. To bring Mongolian and Tibetan youngsters closer to the values of Mongolian / Tibetan culture and to create in them a sense of belonging.
3. To create an environment for Mongolian and Tibetan youngsters from different parts of North America to develop friendship among them and widen their network.
4. To create conditions for Mongolian and Tibetan youngsters to develop a sense of pride in their Mongolian / Tibetan identity.

General Guidelines

1. Campers are expected to be courteous to counselors and instructors at all times.
2. Campers should be inspired through personal motivation to be a guide to others, have a positive attitude, and be honest to self and others.
3. Campers should exhibit the qualities of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.

Rules of the Camp

1. Campers are expected to be on class on time and have all necessary materials with them
2. No cell phones, game boys, Ipods or any other so handheld devices are to be in use during class periods. All above items are to be used only during free time.
3. All campers are expected to join in all group activities.
4. When on special excursions, campers are to stay with their group.
5. No one may leave the grounds of the Tibetan Cultural Center for any reason any prior consent of camp counselors / coordinator.
6. No smoking
7. No alcohol
8. No weapons of any kind

How Is Discipline Handled?

Discipline is handled in a fair, consistent manner appropriate to the behavior. If a camper behaves in such a way that his / her actions are having a negative affect on others, this individual will meet with the camp counselor / coordinator.

Schedule

7:30 am - Wake-up Call;

8:15 am - Breakfast;

10:30 pm - Quiet time;

11:00 pm - Lights out

Packing List: It will be necessary for you to bring some items to the Summer Camps. This list informs you about the things you need to pack and take to Bloomington (and What is to to take).

What You Need to Bring and Not Bring To Camp

1. Packing: Sleeping bag and pillow/Sleepware/Sweatshirt/Raincoat or Poncho/Athletic shoes/Sandals/T-shirts/Shorts/Jeans or long pants/Socks/Underwear/Swimsuit/Toiletry items & carrying bag or case/Towels and soap/Insect repellent (Pump or lotion, or wipes not aerosol)/Sunscreen/Flashlight/Water Waterpaper for pool/Water bottle/Drangyen (Tibetan Lute)
2. Optional Items: Postcards, paper, stamps, pen, deck of cards / non-electric games, books & magazines.
3. Things to Leave at Home: Radios, electronic games, beepers, and personal stereos. Also junk food, firearms, fireworks, matches, lighters, knives, tobacco products, expensive items, and drugs.

PREVIOUS CAMPS AT TMBCC:

1. Mongolian Summer Camps (2007-2016)
2. Mongolian Summer Camp: The Mongolian Culture Center in Washington, DC is organizing this camp for young Mongolians. The camp will take place at the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center in Bloomington, Indiana from July 09 through July 17. For details please contact Naraa at saraanaa @ Yahoo.com or Saruul at saruul7@yahoo.com . During the camp would be a one-day children's cultural awareness day for local children to learn about Mongolian culture and participate in activities together with the Mongolian children. Details will be posted soon
3. Tibetan Senior Summer Camps (2006-2007): The Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center (TMBCC) based in Bloomington, Indiana, in collaboration with the Office of Tibet (New York), organized a summer camp for high-school-age Tibetan children from July 30 through August 8, 2007.
4. Cultural Immersion Camps (2006): From July 21 to July 30, 2006, we hosted 23 children from Tibetan families. The children came from California, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Washington DC. The camp's daily activities were organized by the Office of Tibet in New York City, while the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center provided lodging, food, transportation in Bloomington, and recreational opportunities for the campers.