



Namchak

Tibetan Buddhist Practice & Retreat

Start Where You Are



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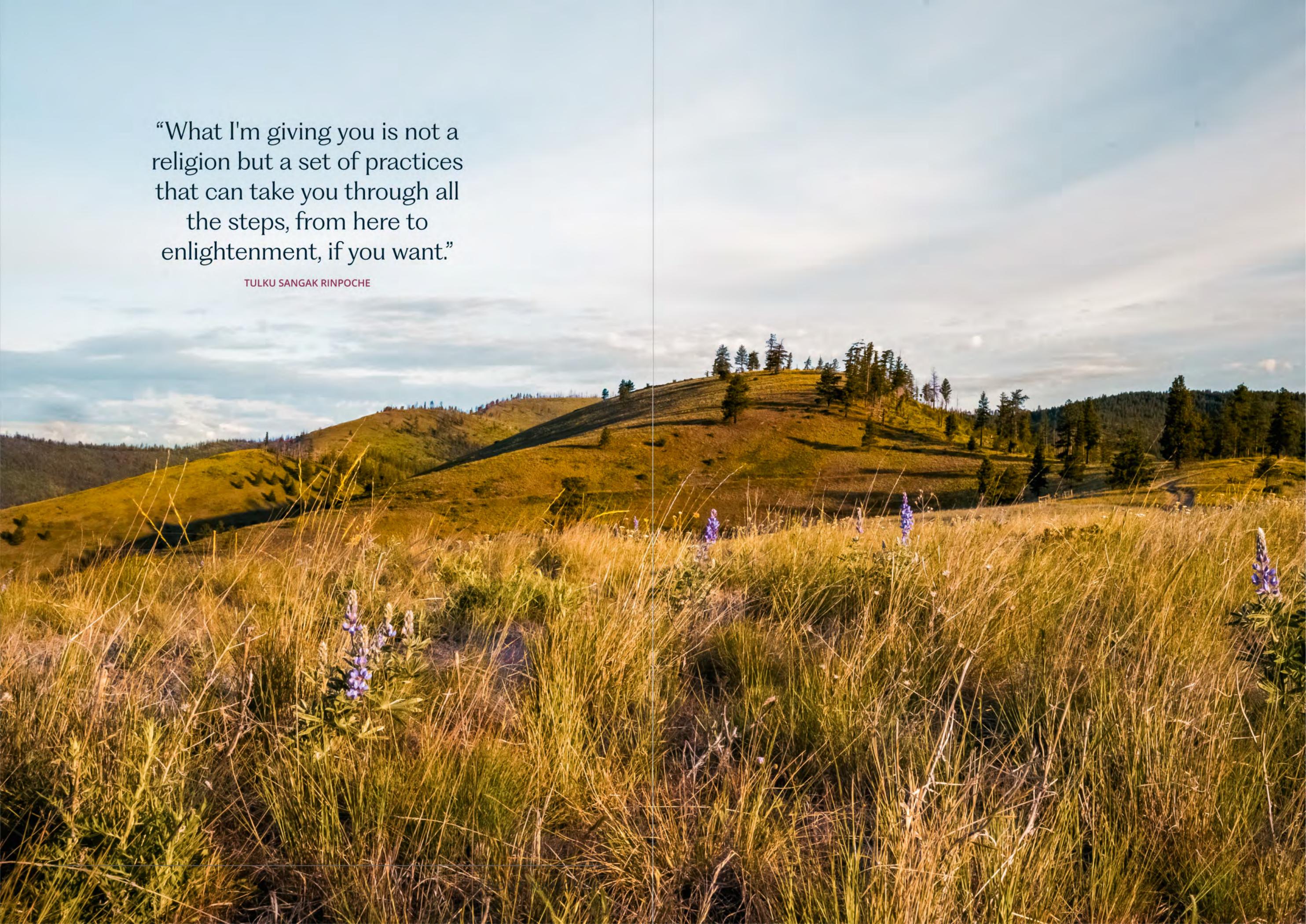
Greetings and Well Wishes!



At Namchak, students are welcomed into a tapestry of authentic Tibetan Buddhist teachings, heartfelt guidance from both Western and Tibetan teachers, and a vibrant community rooted in shared practice. Whether you're joining us online or at the Namchak Retreat Ranch in Montana, you'll find programs that meet you wherever you are on the path, from your first steps in meditation to deepening, long-term practice. Take a wander through this catalog and discover the path that calls to you.

“What I'm giving you is not a religion but a set of practices that can take you through all the steps, from here to enlightenment, if you want.”

TULKU SANGAK RINPOCHE





Namchak Retreat Ranch

At the Namchak Foundation, we share the heart of the Namchak lineage through meditation, study, retreat, and community, gently bridging the Tibetan and Western worlds. The Namchak lineage represents a branch of the unbroken stream of wisdom teachings, tracing back over 2,500 years to the historical Buddha, Buddha Shakyamuni. Through generations of dedicated practitioners, these teachings have been practiced, realized, and passed down so that you, too, can benefit from their transformative power.

Where Ancient Wisdom, Modern Life, and the Natural World Meet

The Namchak Retreat Ranch is situated in the traditional homelands of the Séliš (Salish) and Q̓lispé (Kalispel) peoples. We offer our respect for their history and culture, for their ancient and continuing presence in this landscape, and for the path they have shown us in caring for this place for the generations to come.

[See our full Land Acknowledgement →](#)

Namchak's Teachers

“If I’m able to help someone a little,
that feeling makes me happy from
the bottom of my heart.”

KHEN RINPOCHE



Gochen
Tulku Sangak
Rinpoche

A lineage holder of the Namchak lineage and the Spiritual Director of Namchak Retreat Ranch and Ewam International Centers worldwide.



Khen
Rinpoche

A younger brother of Tulku Sangak Rinpoche, he is a revered teacher and scholar who thoroughly answers questions and infuses profound wisdom with humor and levity.



Lama
Tsomo

An American lama, author, and co-founder of the Namchak Foundation and Namchak Retreat Ranch, known for her stories, humor, and real-life applications of meditation practice.



Aaron
Stern

A musician, teacher, and internationally recognized learning consultant, the president and founder of the [Academy for the Love of Learning®](#), who plays a vital role in Namchak programming.



Justin
Kirkwood

A Tibetan translator, scholar, and Buddhist educator who serves as Khen Rinpoche’s primary interpreter.



Jetsunma
Jamyang Yeshe
Palmo

A teacher and scholar who spent nine years in rigorous monastic study, followed by nine years in closed retreat, and is the director of Turquoise Leaf Nunnery and Kusum Khandro Ling in Nepal.



Dorlop Choenyi
Sangmo

A nun and an esteemed Vajra Master (Dorje Lopön) in the Namchak lineage, with rigorous training that includes two intensive three-year retreats, she embodies a deep spiritual commitment and expertise in Buddhist philosophy, ritual, and meditation.



Lama Kunzang
Chönyi Zangmo
(Lihi Eliaz)

A scholar and teacher who began her Buddhist practice as a young child under the guidance of Chagdud Tulku Rinpoche and enjoys supporting people from different walks of life.



Courses, Retreats, *and* Programs

From the Namchak Retreat Ranch in Montana to your living room, our offerings are curated to help you feel grounded, supported, and connected.

Whether you are taking your first steps into meditation or committing to a lifetime of study and retreat, Namchak offers a path that meets you where you are. These three pathways guide you—step by step—toward deeper understanding, greater peace of mind, and compassionate action.



Seeker's Path



Practitioner's Path



Bodhisattva's Path





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When we first start to meditate, we are like a honey bee just hovering around the flower.

”

KHEN RINPOCHE

Seeker's Path



● SEEKER'S PATH COURSES

Stepping into Meditation and Community

Awaken to more profound peace, happiness, and compassion in this six-week course. Starting with foundational Buddhist teachings and practices, you will explore, engage with, and discuss the Dharma in the warmth of sangha, or community.

January 27–February 24 or January 29–February 26, 2026, with subsequent offerings quarterly.



● SEEKER'S PATH COURSES

Introduction to Calm Abiding Meditation

Uncover the peaceful state that is always present in your mind in this four-week course. In Calm Abiding meditation, you gently familiarize yourself with your mental patterns. This practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.

March 18–April 8, 2026

[Learn More →](#)



SEEKER'S PATH RETREATS

Four Immeasurables

Cultivate an expansive heart through practicing and studying the Four Immeasurables. These Boundless Qualities provide a path to strengthening your awareness, dissolving isolation, and reconnecting with your innate bond to others and the world.

March 6-8, 2026

SEEKER'S PATH RETREATS

Buddha, Dharma, Sangha

Immerse yourself in the Three Jewels at the Namchak Retreat Ranch in Hot Springs, Montana. Delve into Buddhist teachings, develop meditation and sangha skills, learn permaculture, engage with indigenous education, and discover tools for nervous system regulation.

August 27-31, 2026



SEEKER'S PATH RETREATS

Reset & Renew

Discover deeper self-awareness, genuine connection, and resilience in meeting life's challenges. Harnessing spring's natural rhythm of renewal, you can reset intentions, refresh your practice, and engage with your community. This retreat also happens in the fall and is called Rest & Restore.

Start date TBD

[Learn More →](#)



Practitioner's Path



“ Each one of us is both the part and the whole—the ocean and the wave.”

LAMA TSOMO





● PRACTITIONER'S PATH RETREATS

Walking the Path: Shamata

Cultivate true rest for your mind as you explore Shamata or Calm Abiding and train your mind to rest in its natural state of stability and clarity. Embark on a journey toward freedom from habitual reactivity.

April 24-27, 2026

● PRACTITIONER'S PATH RETREATS

Green Tara Retreat

Embrace wisdom and compassion as you deepen your connection with Green Tara, the "Mother of All Buddhas," and the swift and fearless embodiment of awakened compassion.

October 15-19, 2026



● PRACTITIONER'S PATH RETREATS

Fundamentals of Tibetan Ritual Arts

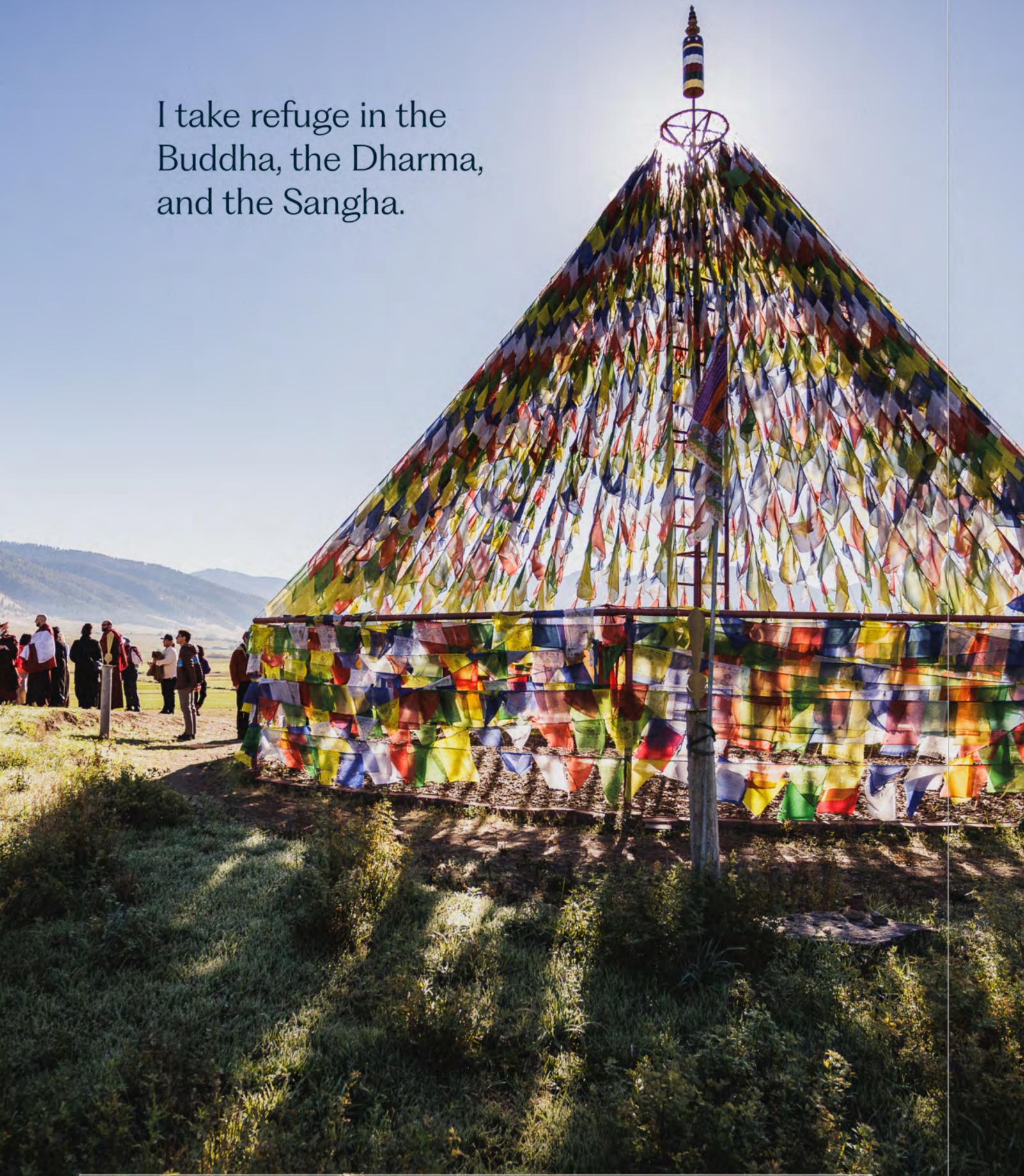
Dive into the sacred rituals of Vajrayana Buddhism through an in-depth, hands-on introduction to essential elements of Vajrayana ritual practice. Through engaging with Sangwa Yeshe practice, you will prepare for Drupchöd.

Start date TBD

[Learn More →](#)



I take refuge in the
Buddha, the Dharma,
and the Sangha.



Bodhisattva's Path



BODHISATTVA'S PATH PROGRAMS

Ancient Wisdom Engaged

Experience transformation as you maintain steady momentum throughout your Ngöndro journey. Rooted in community, this two-year supportive program fosters collective growth and accountability.

Program begins May 1, 2026, with applications due March 1, 2026

BODHISATTVA'S PATH PROGRAMS

Compassion in Action®

Spend a year deepening into Tibetan Buddhist meditation and studies, fostering community, and creating positive change. This transformative experience is for bodhisattva-minded practitioners ages 18–27.

Program begins May 27, 2026, with applications due on March 1, 2026



BODHISATTVA'S PATH PROGRAMS

Walking The Path

Deepen your practice within the Buddhist path of liberation with this clear and systematic approach. You'll receive individual instruction, meditation practice, and a structured path of study focusing on Shamata, Vipassana, and the Buddhist Path to Liberation.

Program begins September 11, 2026

[Learn More →](#)





“The practice of the path is not necessarily learning new things, but removing obscurations—revealing what was already there.”

JUSTIN KIRKWOOD

Three-Year Retreat

The Tibetan word for retreat, *tsam*, means "boundary." It marks a sacred commitment, stepping away from the comforts and distractions of daily life and into a container where profound transformation can unfold.

The Namchak Three-Year Retreat offers dedicated Vajrayana practitioners the rare opportunity to commit themselves fully to the path of realization. This program requires prior experience with Vajrayana practice; applicants should have completed foundational Buddhist study and retreat. Guided by Tulku Sangak Rinpoche, the world lineage holder of the Namchak lineage, this program continues an unbroken stream of teachings passed directly from teacher to student for centuries.

In the Namchak tradition, practitioners dedicate themselves to a structured meditation schedule, mantra recitation, ritual, and studying Namchak lineage texts. Participation in the retreat is limited to those who have been accepted through an application process that verifies adequate preparation. The retreat curriculum has been personally designed by Rinpoche and translated with his guidance, maintaining the complete integrity of the Namchak lineage while offering accessibility to Western students.

Preparation for Three Year Retreat participants will begin in 2027-2028

[Learn More →](#)



Calendar



27 January
Tuesday

● Seeker's Path Course

Stepping into Meditation and Community

- 📅 Six-week foundational course
- 🗓️ Meets Tuesdays
- 📍 Online

29 January
Thursday

● Seeker's Path Course

Stepping into Meditation and Community

- 📅 Six-week foundational course
- 🗓️ Meets Thursdays
- 📍 Online and In-Person

06 March
Friday

● Seeker's Path Retreat

The Four Immeasurables Retreat

- 📅 Three-day retreat for cultivating love and compassion
- 📍 Online

18 March
Wednesdays

● Seeker's Path Course

Introduction to Calm Abiding Meditation

- 📅 Four-week foundational Shamata practice course
- 🗓️ Meets Wednesdays
- 📍 Online and In-Person

24 April
Friday

● Practitioner's Path Retreat

Walking the Path: Shamata

- 📅 Three days of exploring and practicing Shamata
- 📍 Online and In-Person

24 April
Friday

● Bodhisattva's Path Program

Walking the Path Program

- 📅 First retreat of the two-year program
- 📍 Online and In-Person

01 May
Friday

● Bodhisattva's Path Program

Ancient Wisdom Engaged

- 📅 A two-year guided Ngöndro program
- 📍 In-Person Only

27 May
Wednesday

● Bodhisattva's Path Program

Compassion in Action® Fellows Program

- 📅 A year-long inner & outer change program
- 📍 In-Person Only

27 August
Thursday

● Seeker's Path Retreat

Buddha, Dharma, Sangha

- 📅 Five days of meditation, study, and stewardship
- 📍 In-Person Only

15 October
Thursday

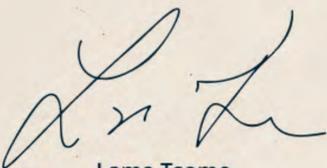
● Practitioner's Path Retreat

Green Tara Retreat

- 📅 Three days of embracing wisdom & compassion
- 📍 Online and In-Person



“Together, we aspire to reduce suffering and benefit all beings. As more people benefit from dharma study, meditation, and community, their positive impact will ripple outward, creating a more compassionate, awakened world.”



Lama Tsomo



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