

2008 SENIOR TIBETAN CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP
Bloomington, Indiana
August 3 - 16, 2008

Organized by
Tibetan Culture Center, Bloomington, Indiana &
The Office of Tibet, New York

(registration form at end of this file – pages 4 & 5)



The Tibetan Culture Center (TCC), located in Bloomington, Indiana, in collaboration with the Office of Tibet (New York), will organize a 2008 summer camp for high-school Tibetan children from August 3 to 16, 2008.

The purpose of the two-week summer camp is to immerse Tibetan children in the Tibetan culture. The camp will be held at the 108-acre-premises of the Tibetan Culture Center in Bloomington.

The 2006 and 2007 camps were attended by 23 to 25 high-school Tibetan students. The participants came from California, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Washington DC.

Objectives of the Camp

The purposes of organizing the camp are to

- expose Tibetan youngsters to their culture and language and to the essence of Buddhism
- create an environment for Tibetan youngsters from different parts of North America to develop friendships amongst themselves and to widen their social network
- bring Tibetan youngsters closer to the values of the Tibetan culture and to give them a sense of belonging.

Activities at the Camp

During a course of two weeks, the high school children will explore and overview

- the geography and history of Tibet

- the essence of Tibetan culture
- the essence of Buddhism and its significance in the day-to-day life of individuals
- the prominent sacred sites of Tibet
- some of the significant Tibetan customs and traditions and their importance



The children will discuss about issues such as

- “What makes me Tibetan?”
- “What do I know about Tibet?”
- “How can I know more about Tibet?”

Along with the above explorations, the participants will also learn to play the Tibetan lute, the dranyen. In addition, they will learn Tibetan songs, dances, and prayers.



PLEASE NOTE THAT LEARNING THE DRANYEN IS COMPULSORY AND ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN DRANYEN.

In order to widen the children’s understanding of the Tibetan culture, as well as the current Tibetan issue, guest lecturers and video film presentations will also be arranged.

Sports and Entertainments

Because “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,” the organizers of the camp will arrange different sports activities (both indoor and outdoor) including swimming and entertainments such as lake site camping and camp fires in the evening to make the camp more interesting and lively.



Location of the Camp Site

The fun-packed camp will be held at

Tibetan Culture Center
3655 Snoddy Road
Bloomington, IN 47401
Tel: 812-331-0014
Fax: 812-334-7046

Travel Information

Participants are required to make their own travel arrangements to and from Bloomington, Indiana. The nearest airport to the Tibetan Culture Center is "Indianapolis International Airport", which is located at a distance of approximately 1.5-hour-drive from Bloomington.

The participants of the camp are requested to reach Bloomington, Indiana, on August 2. The organizer will arrange a shuttle bus to pick up the participants from the airport on the above day.

Participants arriving on unscheduled days are requested to make their own transportation arrangements from the Indianapolis International Airport to the Center. For the airport shuttle, contact:

Bloomington Shuttle Service, Inc
3200 Venture Blvd.
Bloomington, IN 47404
Tel: 812-332-6004/ 800-589-6004
website: www.bloomingtonshuttle.com

Health Care Insurance

Participants are requested to provide information about their health insurance in the registration form. This will help the Tibetan Culture Center arrange suitable health care facilities during the camp, should the need arise.

Registration for the Camp

A total of 30 participants will be enrolled on first-come, first-served basis. The registration fee of \$200.00 will be charged to every participant. The fee includes all meals, lodging, and transportation to and from the airport to the Camp site.

The registration check should be made out to the "**TIBETAN MONGOLIAN CULTURE CENTER**" and sent to

Mr. Tenzin Namgyal, Camp Coordinator
Tibetan Culture Center
P.O. Box 2563
Bloomington, IN 47402
Tel: (812) 606-1969

Please note that the Tibetan Mongolian Culture Center is a registered not-for-profit organization having 501 (c)(3) status. Thus the contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Date Line for the Application

The application and the registration form should be received by the organizer by July 20, 2008. An application received after the cutoff date will not be entertained. The application should be submitted to

Mr. Tenzin Namgyal, Camp Coordinator
Tibetan Culture Center
P.O. Box 2563
Bloomington, IN 47402
Tel: (812) 606-1969
Fax: 812-334-7046
Email: tenam59@yahoo.com

Registration Form

SENIOR TIBETAN SUMMER CAMP 2007
August 3 to 16, 2008
Bloomington, Indiana

**Print out, fill out, and send with check to Tibetan Cultural Center, P.O. Box 2563
Bloomington, IN 47402**

**Please note that the registration fee for the camp is \$200 which includes all meals, lodging,
and the local transportation**

1. Full Name

2. Date of Birth

3. Sex (Male or Female)

4. Father's Name

5. Mother's Name

6. Contact Phone Numbers

Home _____ Work _____

7. Contact Address

8. Health Insurance Policy

Number _____

9. Health Insurance Co.

10. Name of Family Doctor

11. Doctor's Phone No.

12. Current medication (if any)

13. Allergies (if any)

I understand that the Tibetan Culture Center and Office of Tibet will take utmost care of my child during the camp. However, if an unforeseen tragedy strikes, I will take full responsibility.

I also authorize the staff of the camp to authorize medical treatment/care to be given to my child, if required. I release the Tibetan Culture Center and Office of Tibet from any responsibility for any bills incurred from injuries, which are not covered under my personal or camp insurance.

Signature of Parent _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____