



2010 Bodhi Seed Summer Camp

From August 4th to 7th, Buddha Gate Monastery is excited to again offer the Bodhi Seed Summer Camp for children ages 5 to 13. The program utilizes the wonderful facility at the monastery located at 3254 Gloria Terrace in Lafayette.

The Bodhi Seed Summer Camp will offer creative theme days and activities to inspire children to learn about meditation and Buddhist practices. Campers will begin each day with sitting and walking meditation to help them quiet their minds and be introspective. The Abbess will share stories and lead discussions on topics such as respect, kindness, harmony, and honesty. Afterwards, campers will be divided into their age groups to engage in creative art projects including painting, calligraphy, percussion drumming, flower arranging, and baking. They will learn basic Chinese and participate in physical activities such as martial arts, gymnastics, and scout training.

The programs are designed and supervised by the Buddha Gate Monastery Dharma Masters and volunteers. For August 4th through 6th, the hours are from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm or the extended option from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The completion ceremony will be held on the morning of August 7th. Parents that need more flexibility can utilize the monastery childcare which opens at 8:00 am. Children are offered a hot vegetarian lunch and two snacks daily. Please let us know if your child has specific food allergies or needs a special diet.

The registration deadline is July 24th. Space is available on a first-come first-served basis. Your registration is only complete when the application and emergency forms have been submitted. You will be notified of your application's acceptance by email or phone. The programs at Buddha Gate Monastery are free of charge; however, we greatly appreciate your free will donation and onsite help.

Through the activities at the Bodhi Seed Summer Camp, children will learn to lead a moral life, develop their potential, and discover their intrinsic pure nature. They will also build lasting friendships, and simply have fun! We look forward to a wonderful experience for your child this summer.