

LAMA VISIT INFORMATION

Columbus Karma Thegsum Choling (KTC)
231 Grubb St. Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 228-6546

REGISTRATION:

You may register ahead of time by mailing your check to Columbus KTC or by going online and paying through Paypal. You may also register in person at the event.

See www.columbusktc.org for more information.

LAMA VISIT SCHEDULE

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OFFERINGS TO THE TEACHER AND TRANSLATOR

Monks and lamas, our precious teachers, devote their whole lives to the Dharma to benefit beings. It is traditional to make an offering as a way to express our thanks and gratitude toward our teachers. Some people like to offer fruit or flowers. Of course, money is the universal offering! Historically monastics do not touch money. Columbus KTC provides envelopes located in the back of the shrine room to place the money in. Checks are also acceptable when making an offering. Please talk to Erin Blue – Director of Columbus KTC or Kim Miracle and Kathy Osborn – lama visit coordinators – to find out how to address the check. Additionally, it is a Tibetan tradition to offer a white scarf (khata) with your money. You can purchase them at Columbus KTC for \$5.

A formal offering to Bardor Tulku Rinpoche is planned on Sunday around 4:00 pm, at the end of the last teaching. If you cannot attend this event, you may choose to give your offering to Erin Blue or Kim Miracle and they will present your offering to Rinpoche on your behalf.

INTERVIEWS

During this lama visit there will be a limited number of slots for interviews, each 10 minutes in length. They are scheduled on a first come basis on Saturday and Sunday. To request an interview, please contact Kathy Osborn at libertyfarm@aol.com

It is traditional to make an offering to the teacher and translator at this time. An offering typically includes a khata and an envelope with money. If it is too tight financially to make an offering during the interview and at the end of the teaching, you can split the money you allocated for an offering between these two events or just make one offering during the interview.

PROTOCOL

When a teacher enters the room to begin teaching, we all rise. Once the teacher is seated, we perform three prostrations. When we perform prostrations, we are bowing to the Buddha within the teacher and prostrating in reverence to the lineage and teachings. Once completed, we then are seated. Prostrating to the teacher is optional; if you do not feel comfortable with this tradition, it is not necessary to perform the prostrations.

FOOD AND DRINK

Traditionally we do not eat in the main shrine room during a teaching. If you need to do so, you may go downstairs. Drink is allowed, non alcoholic.

CHILDREN

If you are so blessed, please bring them to the teachings at no cost. If during the visit they need to express themselves, you can always take them downstairs and still hear the teachings.

PARKING

Park in the parking lot located in the rear of Columbus KTC. Please do not leave any valuables showing in your car.

NO ALCOHOL OR SMOKING is permitted on the grounds

HOTELS

Inexpensive lodging for Lama Visits

All of the places listed below are less than 10 miles away from Columbus KTC in relatively safe areas next to highway on-ramps, and all easy freeway driving. The driving time from the hotel to the center is 10 minutes or less. The hotels are located on the west and south side of Columbus.

Econo Lodge

920 N Wilson Rd, Columbus, OH (4.47 miles away)

614-274-8581

La Quinta Inn

3962 Jackpot Rd, Grove City, OH (5.35 miles away, all freeway, less than 10 minutes?)

614-539-6200

Hampton Inn-South

4017 Jackpot Rd, Grove City, OH (5.39 miles away, all freeway, less than 10 minutes?)

614-539-1177

Best Western Inn
4026 Jackpot Rd, Grove City, OH (5.39 miles away)
614-875-7770

Red Roof Inn
4055 Jackpot Rd, Grove City, OH (5.39 miles away, all freeway, less than 10 minutes?)
614-871-9617

Ramada Inn
1879 Stringtown Rd, Grove City, OH (5.55 miles away)
614-871-2990

Microtel Inn & Suites
1800 Stringtown Rd, Grove City, OH (5.63 miles away)
614-277-0705

Days Inn-Columbus S
1849 Stringtown Rd, Grove City, OH (5.65 miles away)
614-871-0440

Motel 6
1900 Stringtown Rd, Grove City, OH (5.67 miles away)
614-875-8543

Value Inn
1947 Stringtown Rd, Grove City, OH (5.69 miles away)
614-875-1800

Comfort Inn
4197 Marlane Dr, Grove City, OH (5.72 miles away)
614-539-3500