

## 2016 Saishin Dōjō



From Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Los Angeles Nishi Hongwanji Betsuin and Senshin Buddhist Temple will sponsor its 29<sup>th</sup> annual Saishin Dōjō (西心道場) Dharma School program. "Dōjō –道場" is the ancient word for a Buddhist Temple, meaning a place where awakening is cultivated. "Sai - 西" means "nishi" or "west", from Nishihongwanji (西本願寺) and "shin - 心" means kokoro or "mind/body", from Senshin Temple – 洗心寺 hence Saishin Dōjō

The program will consist of an all-day instruction program from 8:30am to 3:30pm with pick-up service until 6:00pm, Monday through Friday.

The program will include:

1. Instruction in reading, math, writing, and language skills taught by California credentialed teachers who are also Dharma School teachers or involved in temple sanghas.
2. Programs in Buddhist culture taught by qualified professionals. Units this year will include Japanese foods, music, etiquette, flower, foreign language vocabulary, ceramics, dance, flute, bon odori, tie-dye, and taiko. Each day will begin with students participating in the morning omairi service.
3. A registered nurse is also on staff.
4. **Children are not allowed to bring cell phones or electronic games.**

Classes are limited to those children of temple members who will be entering the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades in the Fall of 2016. Enrollment is limited to 15 students per class. **Parents must be registered members of a temple and provide proof of membership as provided for in the registration form.** This form is sent to the parents of last year's students. **NEW REGISTRATION FORMS ARE MADE AVAILABLE ON APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> AND STUDENTS TAKEN ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.** Registration forms may be picked up at local temples. The registration is taken as they come to the 1311 W. 37th St.

address. **Student's parent or guardian must be a member of a temple to qualify for enrollment.** Those forms without signatures confirming membership are held until such time as confirmation is obtained. The space for your child cannot be saved without proof of temple membership, and those forms that are completely filled out will be accepted before those forms that are incomplete.

1. **Children whose parents are registered members of the sponsor-temples, Nishihongwanji Betsuin or Senshin Temples: \$500.00**

II **Children whose parents are registered members of other Buddhist temples: \$550.00**

The registration fee includes all excursion entry fees and transportation fees. Parents who wish to participate in their child's outings are asked to get prior permission from the teacher and be willing to pay their own expenses. Such inquiries must be made at least a week in advance, as group entry tickets are reserved in advance. Friends of Saishin Dojo students are not allowed to join the excursions.

The registration fee also covers the cost of the Saishin Dojo t-shirt. Additional t-shirts may be purchased for an additional \$10.00.

A \$50.00 deposit is required with your registration form. This is deducted from your total fee. Your confirmation letter sent to you after we receive your registration will include the balance due on the first day of Saishin Dojo. The deposit is non-refundable after June 6<sup>th</sup>, and the balance non-refundable after the first day of Saishin Dojo.

If you do not receive confirmation of your registration within two weeks of mailing in your registration form, please contact Rev. Masao Kodani (323) 731-4617.

Children with special needs will only be accepted on an individual basis. Please include with your application form the specific special needs of your child. Without such notification and acceptance by our staff at the time of enrollment, we reserve the right to terminate your child's participation in the program. We are not able to provide one-on-one supervision for any student.

### Fund Raisers:

There are several fund raising activities that help to purchase new equipment, supplies, and new programs.

1. A pre-order sale of baked Chashu Bao.
2. The running of a Chashu Bao and bottled water booth at the Obon carnival at Nishi Hongwanji Betsuin. The parents have been very generous in volunteering time-slots to run the booth as well as donating a case of bottled water.
3. Each year, a DVD is made of all 6 classes, of all the students, and is made available for \$20.00.

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The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class has the additional option of attending a 5-day camping experience at the San Luis Obispo Temple from **Sunday**, July 17<sup>th</sup> through **Thursday**, July 21<sup>st</sup>. The total cost for the 5 days is \$550.00. The program includes the daily meditation and omairi schedules experienced at Saishin Dojo, a toban schedule of serving and cleaning up after meals, daily excursions to tide pools, sand dunes, lakes, vegetable farms, craft projects, etc. This is all under the supervision of experienced camp counselors as well as the Saishin Dōjō 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, a cooking staff, and nurse. See enclosed form>

### San Luis Obispo Temple and Cabins



# 2016 SAISHIN DOJO REGISTRATION FORM

Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in Fall of 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation or talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Schooltime Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\*This is to confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ is a registered member of

\_\_\_\_\_ Temple \_\_\_\_\_

signature of temple authority

**This proof of temple membership must be signed by a temple authority.**

T-shirt size: youth S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ adult S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration includes cost of one t-shirt for your child.** If you wish to order additional t-shirts, you may do so at the additional cost of \$10.00 per t-shirt.

**Registration:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional t-shirts:** \_\_\_\_\_

**6<sup>th</sup> grade campout:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit:** \_\_\_\_\_ (must accompany this form)

**Balance due** \_\_\_\_\_ (due the first day of Saishin Dojo)

Parents who are knowledgeable in some aspect of Japanese and/or Buddhist culture, and who are willing to teach a workshop or assist others in a workshop, please check the following.

I am able to teach the following \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help in workshops or supervision \_\_\_\_\_

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**Medical permission form:**

In the event of illness or accident, I authorize the Saishin Dojo authorities to secure the necessary medical treatment by a physician for my child.

Child's name/names \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_ phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Nearest relative's name \_\_\_\_\_ phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Doctor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Daily Schedule:

8:00 - 8:30am	School Opens
8:30 - 9:00am	Assembly and Meditation Exercise
9:00 - 9:30am	Omairi
9:30 - 10:30am	Session I (Math, Reading, and Language Skills)
10:30 - 11:00am	Break
10:50 - 12:00 noon	Session II (Math, Reading, and Language Skills)
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 - 2:10pm	Workshop I
2:10 - 3:10pm	Workshop II
3:10 - 3:30pm	Cleanup - Evaluation
3:40 - 6:00pm	Supervised After-School Play

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For further information, please contact:

Bessie Tanaka, Director (213) 999-6053     Rev. Masao Kodani (323) 731- 4617 (daytime)

**\*Make checks payable to:**

**Saishin Dojo**

**\*Mail to:**

Saishin Dojo  
1311 W. 37<sup>th</sup> St.  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90007

**\*\*You must mail this form to this address (Senshin temple) by regular mail. Express and other mail requiring a signature may be delayed by several days if no one is at the temple at the time the mail is delivered.**

**Gassho. Bessie Tanaka, director**

## 2016 Saishin Dojo 6<sup>th</sup> grade Campout

Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>  
San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple  
6996 Ontario Road  
San Luis Obispo, Calif. 93401  
(805) 595-2625, 595-2839

Students will leave by Mini-vans from Senshin Buddhist Temple at 9:00am on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, arriving in San Luis Obispo at around 1:00pm. They will return to Los Angeles on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, leaving San Luis Obispo after lunch and arriving at Senshin Temple between 4:00pm and 4:30pm.

The campout will be led by Mr. Jeff Hiroto, a credentialed teacher; Mr. Richard Katsuda, 6<sup>th</sup> grade credentialed teacher; and Mr. Wilbur Takashima, an experienced camp counselor.

**Cost for the five days is: \_\_\$550.00** Please make check payable to Saishin Dojo

Below is the list of items your child will need to bring:

1. Sleeping bag and air mattress, or thick foam pad.
2. Pillow
3. Clothes for FIVE days(COOL mornings and evenings, WARM days). Light layers suggested.
4. Bathing suit, pajamas, underwear and socks.
5. Plastic bag for DIRTY LAUNDRY.
6. Sturdy shoes or tennis shoes.
7. Water canteen or container.
8. Flashlight or headlamp (extra batteries).
9. Toothbrush and toiletries.
10. Hat or cap.
11. Sunblock, chapstick.
12. Juzu
13. Beachtowel and zori (optional)

\*\*\*\*\*THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED\*\*\*\*\*  
CELL PHONE, COMPUTER GAMES, ELECTRONIC DEVICES OF ANY SORT, RADIOS, ETC.

**NOTE: Due to limited van space, please limit packed items to one large duffle bag-sized bag along with your sleeping bag & mat.**