

2013 International Shambhala Program Calendar

The Office of Practice and Education is pleased to announce the following international Shambhala programs for the year 2013.

Please read through to the bottom of this announcement for other important program-related information that may be relevant to you, including key path changes.

Shambhala Public Teachings with Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche

Chicago: April 26 – 28

Creating Enlightened Society: Imagining Peace

San Francisco: May 10 – 12

Creating Enlightened Society: Personal Path, Social Transformation

London: September 12 – 15

Awake in the World, A Festival of Meditation, Arts and Social Vision

Three Pillar Leadership Trainings with the Sakyong

Karme Choling: May 16 - 19

Shambhala Mountain Center: June 6 - 9

Kurukulla Teachings and Abhisheka with the Sakyong

Halifax: July 31 - August 3

Dechen Choling: August 23 - 26

More information on Kurukulla can be found at: <https://apas.shambhala.info/>

Enlightened Society Assembly (preparation change, see “Path Changes” below)

Chile: February 14 - March 1

Karme Choling: February 15 - March 2

Shambhala Mountain Center: July 6 - 21

Dechen Choling: July 7 - 21

More information on ESA and to apply: <https://apas.shambhala.info/programType/9>

Warrior Assembly (preparation change, see “Path Changes” below)

Shambhala Mountain Center: July 26 - August 6

Karme Choling: August 20 - 31

More information on WA and to apply: <https://apas.shambhala.info/programType/15>

Scorpion Seal Assembly

Shambhala Mountain Center:

Scorpion Seal 3-4-5 Garchen, June 12 - 23

Karme Choling:

Scorpion Seal 2-3 Garchen, July 6 - 17

Dorje Denma Ling:

Scorpion Seal 4-5 Garchen, August 4 - 15

Dechen Choling:

Scorpion Seal 5, August 26 - September 6

Scorpion Seal 1, August 29 - September 9

More information on SSAs: <https://apas.shambhala.info/>

Why is there no Rigden Abhisheka or Sacred World Assembly in 2013?

Many of you have been inquiring as to why there will be no Sacred World Assembly, or Rigden Abhisheka in 2013. This is due to constraints on the Sakyong's schedule.

Application Process

The following programs in 2013 require that you apply and get accepted through the Office of Practice and Education *before* registering with the Land Center:

Enlightened Society Assembly

Warrior Assembly

Scorpion Seal Assembly One (if it is confirmed)

You can apply here: <https://apas.shambhala.info/>

Submitting recommendations:

If you have been asked to submit a recommendation, go to the link above, click on the program the student is applying to, scroll down and click "submit recommendation" at the relevant land center and follow the prompts.

Staffing Opportunities

We deeply appreciate your interest in staffing! The success of these programs depends greatly

on the volunteer efforts of the program staff.

Staffing these beautiful programs provides a wonderful opportunity to explore creating Enlightened Society. There, one can hear the dharma, reconnect to practice in a group setting, and deepen one's own path and training, while supporting the path of others. It's a lot of work, but really good work! And it's fun.

Staff application links:

Enlightened Society Assembly

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dDI3d2Rvd052S1hZaW5nelpkRlIVaEE6MQ-gid=0>

Warrior Assembly

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HYOeEqHW7PN9TLaj3A15y-aknd5g8nOyxVvr7z8eRUc/viewform>

Scorpion Seal Assembly (1-2-3-4-5) (for those attending)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zd1IoVQU3a4F3iauGBHu8kIq-7vaPSOov-0h2HvLU/viewform>

The staff application links will also be posted on the Practice and Education site, as well as on the Land Center site specific to the program you wish to staff. Please consider staffing a program this summer!

Key Path Changes:

As we work to find the right balance between depth and breadth on the Shambhala path, and given that our time is increasingly limited as householders living in the world, some changes are being introduced to the order of core path programs this coming year and the required preparation for each of them.

We want our path to have integrity, authenticity, and the right amount of rigor. At the same time, we want to make these teachings accessible to many people.

Starting this year the following changes are being introduced:

Enlightened Society Assembly will be the first program to follow the Way of Shambhala courses, levels and Rigden weekend.

Warrior Assembly is the culmination of the Shambhala Sacred Path series, and follows Enlightened Society Assembly.

One weekthun is required before attending Enlightened Society Assembly; another is required before attending Warrior Assembly.

For more details about the programs and adjustments to the required preparation, please go to

the advanced program page - <https://apas.shambhala.info/site/index>.