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Chagdud Gonpa Rigdzin Ling

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What to bring

- Flashlight
- Seasonal Clothing:
 - The summer months (June-September) are our hottest months. Bring lightweight clothing and layers, as it often gets cool at night.
 - Fall and spring (October-November, April-May) are rainy and can range greatly in temperature. Bring many layers, and be prepared for all types of weather. Raingear is suggested.
 - Winter (December-March) is very cold and can be snowy. Bring many layers and very warm clothing.
- Bug spray & sunscreen (summer only)
- Poison oak protection and wash
- Toiletries
- Alarm clock
- Personal water bottle
- Earplugs if you are a sensitive sleeper
- Shoes that slide on and off easily, as shoes are not allowed in any of our housing facilities.
- Food supply if your group is not purchasing a food package.

Getting Here

341 Red Hill Road (physical)
101 Red Hill Road (for google maps)
Junction City, CA 96048

Rigdzin Ling is located 4 and a half hours north of San Francisco by car, and eight hours south of Portland, Oregon. Located 1 hour west of Redding, CA and 2 hours east of Arcata, CA directly off of route 299.



1A: From San Francisco:

- Take I-80 East out of the city (approx. 45 miles)
- Take exit for I-505 North towards Redding (34 miles)
- Merge onto I-5 North (125 miles) until you arrive in Redding, CA. Follow instructions from Redding below.

1B: From Oregon/Washington:

- During summer months, it is beautiful to take CA-3 through the mountains. Be warned, however, that this road can be dangerous at night, and is often closed in the winter due to treacherous driving conditions. The alternate route is to take I-5 all the way to Redding. Then follow instructions from Redding below.
- For CA-3: Off of I-5 after Ashland (32 miles), take the exit towards Yreka, CA-3. Follow signs for CA-3 South for approximately two hours, until you reach Weaverville. Take a right onto CA-299. You are now heading west. Now follow instructions from Weaverville below.

2: From Redding:

- Take exit to CA-44 West towards Eureka
- Take right onto Pine Street (following signs towards CA-299 West).
- Continue onto CA-299 West until you reach Weaverville. Follow instructions from Weaverville below.

3: From Weaverville:

- Head West on CA-299 through town. IMPORTANT: Do not speed. Police heavily patrol 299 through Weaverville and into Junction City.
- After you have gone through the mountain pass, you will hit a valley. On the left you will see a stone quarry. Then you will pass Sky Ranch Road. Slow down. You will take the following left onto Dutch Creek Road (be careful, the road comes quickly). If you see a convenient store/gas station on your left or a storage center on your right, you have gone too far.
- You will go over a short bridge- after this, take your first right.
- We are the second driveway on the left.

Winter Weather: As we live in the mountains, we encourage you to visit the CalTrans website for updates on road conditions along highway 299 and other mountainous highways you must travel. <http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi>

Arrival

Here is a map of our center: <http://chagdudgonpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/RL-Map.gif>

Guests must arrive before 8PM to register. When you arrive, follow signs to Tara House. The registration office is located through the front entryway. Upon arrival you will:

- Pay in full for your rental. We accept cash, checks made out to CGF, and all credit cards.
- Submit a credit card in the amount of \$300 as a security deposit.
- Submit CGF Release Form signed by all guests.

Tibetan Treasures

Tibetan Treasures store is located on premises (tibetantreasures.com). If your group is interested in shopping, you may do so Monday-Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm & 2:30-4:30pm. If you are unable to visit during open hours, you may request a specific time for the store to open for your group.