

Dear Friends and Family of the Great Retreat,

September is a sweet time in the desert. The days are a little cooler now. You can actually take walks during the day and need a blanket at night for the first time in months. It's an awesome time of year! Not too hot, not too cold and you can watch the storms move across the sky in the distance, with flashes of lightning and commanding roars of thunder. It might rain suddenly and hard for only ten minutes, or else you can watch it in the distance while enjoying the sun! In place of the brown, dried-out color of summer, the mountains here are green once more. The desert sunsets and monsoon rainbows are truly awe inspiring! Aside from the thunder, it is quiet.



The retreaters have begun the first of two 1.5 month lerungs, with a 1-month break in between. After that, they will begin 2-month long lerungs with 1 month breaks. We have not been given exact dates yet but we calculate as follows:

Sep 22 - Nov 5 lerung (deeper retreat)
Nov 6 - Dec 3 break
Dec 4 - Jan 18 lerung (deeper retreat)

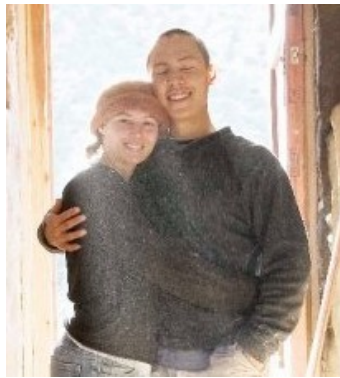
Feb 17 - April 16 lerung (deeper retreat)
April 17 - May 15 break
May 16 - July 14 lerung (deeper retreat)

All things that have not yet happened can still change, so we will keep you updated on the schedule!





We would like to say good bye and thank you to Viet, Elisha & Priya who have been studying and serving at Diamond Mountain for the past 4 years! May all of your hard work and dedication ripen into a life time full of joy and ease with all you seek to accomplish.



“Diamond Mountain has been our home and our life for many years. It is very much a part of me, as it has shaped my entire being, and life path. I am overcome with gratitude when I think of all my teachers and friends who have showed me such kindness and joy! I only hope I can incorporate all I have learned here into my day to day life, and have some positive impact on the world. We will of course continue to serve the Great Retreat in every way possible.”
~ Elisha Knapp

