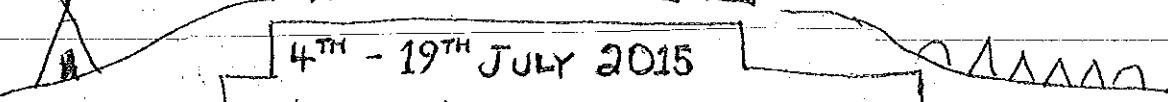





PLAIN BUDDHIST TENT VILLAGE



4TH - 19TH JULY 2015

LOWER BELFORD, HUNTER VALLEY



The Inaugural Plain Buddhist Tent Village will be for those who wish to learn how to live in deep cooperative community and material simplicity through the teachings of the historical Buddha.

It will run from Saturday 4th July to Sunday 19th July on an organic farm in Lower Belford in the Hunter Valley.

Buddhists and Buddhist sympathisers will live together in tents for fifteen days to create a fully functional but temporary village run in accordance with Early Buddhist Principles, under the guidance of Bhikkhu Jason Chan, an experienced Early Buddhist monk.



☆ Participants will learn to integrate the practice of the Noble Eightfold Way -
i. Right Worldview, Right Motivation, Right Speech, Right Action, Right Livelihood, Right Effort, Right Composure and Right Integration -

☆ Through simplicity and spirituality, in the Six Requisites -

i. food, clothing, shelter, medicine, community and education -

☆ And by keeping the Eleven Principles of the Good Life -

i. abstaining from: killing living beings, taking what is not given, sexual misconduct, false speech, divisive speech, harsh speech, idle chatter, materialistic thinking, aggressive thinking, denial of kamma and rebirth, and taking alcohol and intoxicants.

PBTV aims to empower participants with real-life skills. Thus PBTV will be a mirror to ordinary life with adults working on an organic farm

according to Buddhist cooperative principles,
and children attending the village home-school
according to Buddhist educational principles.
Sundays will be free and Saturdays will be
devoted to contemplation, meditation and
☆ humility based on the Eight Holy Day Precepts -
i.e. abstaining from: killing living beings,
taking what is not given, sexual interaction,
false speech, taking alcohol and intoxicants,
eating after 12^{noon}, dancing, singing, music,
public shows, wearing jewelry, perfumes,
cosmetics and accessories, and sleeping
on high and luxurious beds.

In summary, at the PBTV we will not retreat
from everyday life, but we will use the
Buddha-Dhamma to transform ordinary
life into the Good Life.

Venue

An organic farm in Lower Belford, Hunter Valley.

Dates

10^{am}, Saturday 4th July 2015 to
3^{pm}, Sunday 19th July 2015

Weekdays

- 5³⁰, rise-and-shine
- 5⁴⁵, chanting and group meditation (optional)
- 6³⁰, breakfast
- 7³⁰, work-meeting
- 8^{am}, adults - work on organic farm
children - attend homeschool
- 11^{am}, lunch in Noble Silence
- 12^{pm}, free time
- 2^{pm}, adults and children - work on organic farm
- 4^{pm}, free time
- 5³⁰, dinner
- 7^{pm}, Dhamma talk, Q&A, chanting & group meditation
- 10^{pm}, lights-out

Saturdays - 11th and 18th July but not 4th July

5³⁰ - rise-and-shine

5⁴⁵ - morning chanting and group meditation

6³⁰ - breakfast

8^{am} - Dhamma talk, Q and A and group meditation

11^{am} - lunch in Noble Silence

12^{pm} - free time in Noble Silence

5³⁰ - tea break

7^{pm} - Dhamma talk, Q/A, chanting, group meditation

10^{pm} - lights-out

Sundays - 5th and 12th July but not 19th July

5³⁰ - rise-and-shine

5⁴⁵ - morning chanting and group meditation (optional)

6³⁰ - breakfast

7³⁰ - free-time

11^{am} - lunch

12^{pm} - free-time

5³⁰ - dinner

7^{pm} - Q and A, chanting, group meditation

10^{pm} - lights-out

Eligibility

applications are open to Buddhists and Buddhist sympathisers. Buddhist sympathisers are non-Buddhists who are happy to act as if they are Buddhists for the duration of the village.

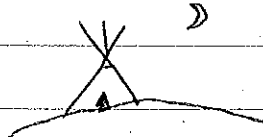
There is no age limit, however, the camp-style living conditions and manual labour should be considered by those with health issues.




Children under 18 years of age must apply together with at least one parent or guardian.

Accommodation

Participants will be required to bring their own tents for sleeping. Both camp-style and standard toilet and washing facilities will be provided.

Homeschooling, Dhamma talks, Q-A sessions, group meditation and chanting will be held in a 24ft teepee with an internal fire pit.





Food

Fresh organic-vegan food will be served. However, organic meat and other animal products shall be provided for those with special dietary needs, by request.

Cost

Free-of-charge.



Questions

Email buddhist.tent.village@gmail.com

Applications

Please fill out the Application Form and email a scanned copy to buddhist.tent.village@gmail.com

Applicants will be informed whether they have been selected by 15th January 2015. Unsuccessful applicants will be held in a waiting list.

Successful applicants must confirm their place by 31st January 2015. Unconfirmed places will be offered to waiting-list-applicants.






APPLICATION FORM

Please read pamphlet carefully before filling

PERSONAL DETAILS

- Full name :
- Age :
- Sex :
- Residential Address :
- Email :
- Mobile :
- Home phone :
- I am a Buddhist
 a Buddhist sympathiser
- If you have special non-vegan dietary needs,
please provide details here :





EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

- Full name:
- Email Address:
- Mobile Phone:
- Home Phone:

MOTIVATIONS

Please describe why you would like to participate in the Plain Buddhist Tent Village:



HEALTH

- Do you have any health issues we should know about?

You shall receive a reply to your application
by 15th January 2015.

Thank you!