

*The Gay Buddhist Fellowship invites you to:*

# The 16th Annual Fall Retreat

## A Weekend of Mindfulness for Men

**October 12-14 (Fri. eve.-Sun. aft.), 2007**

The Gay Buddhist Fellowship (GBF) will return to the Vajrapani Institute for its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Retreat. Vajrapani Institute is a Tibetan Buddhist retreat center amidst redwoods and clear streams, nestled in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains. As in previous years, we will enjoy noble silence, Dharma talks, sitting and walking meditation sessions, and vegetarian meals prepared by the friendly Vajrapani staff. There will also be free time to socialize with fellow retreatants and take mindful walks in the forest.

This year's retreat will focus on sangha and on exploring and deepening our connections to one another. In keeping with our "teacherless sangha" model, members of our own community will share their talents and gifts. Already proposed are a further exploration of "mindful touch" and an experience of improvisation and its connection to Buddhism. If you feel inspired to share something—a dharma talk, or something experiential that will help us be present and connect to one another—please contact Michael Murphy (contact information below).

The retreat is open to members and friends of GBF, including both beginners and long-time practitioners. **We welcome persons of all Buddhist traditions, races, ethnicities, ages, and sexual orientations.**

Cost including food and lodging: **\$150-\$200, sliding scale.** To keep our retreat affordable to more people and to help us assist deserving attendees via a scholarship, we urge you to consider paying toward the higher rate. Any amount you might choose to pay above the minimum of \$150 is considered tax deductible.

The deadline for registration is **Monday, October 8.** No refunds after this date, unless a replacement attendee can be found before the start of the retreat.

We offer scholarships to those who find the minimum fee unaffordable. Send in whatever the amount you can pay and include a letter requesting a scholarship to cover the balance. The deadline for scholarship requests is **Monday, October 1.** (We will notify applicants if the available fund is insufficient to cover their requests.)

A *very* limited number of private accommodations are available: private cabins at **\$70** extra; and single rooms inside the dormitory building at **\$40** extra. — First come, first registered for these private accommodations, so register early if you are interested in them. (Send in a check for extra fees *after* we confirm your reservation.)

*Map, directions, information for shared rides, and on what to bring will be sent after registration.*

*(Cut or tear off and send the bottom portion with your payment.)*



### 2007 GBF Fall Retreat Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_ Want to reserve a private cabin? (y/n) \_\_\_\_

Carpooling: Need ride? (y/n) \_\_\_\_ Can provide ride? (y/n) \_\_\_\_ Want to reserve a single room? (y/n) \_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions (vegan, allergies, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Fees (\$150-200, sliding scale): \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Tax-deductible donation to scholarship fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Make checks payable to: Gay Buddhist Fellowship. Mail this form and check to:  
Michael Murphy, GBF '07 Retreat, 1832 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA 94703-1924.**

*For further information, contact Michael at: 510-843-0230 or [GBFRetreat07@netzero.net](mailto:GBFRetreat07@netzero.net).*