SITE VISIT TO BUDDHIST TEMPLES & CENTERS
(Facts and Figures change rapidly in Buddhist Atlanta: Please contact the temple or center when planning your visit.)

PRIMARILY NON-ASIAN CENTERS

Atlanta Soto Zen Center (Japanese, Soto Zen tradition)
Taiun Michael Elliston Roshi
1404 McLendon Ave NE, Atlanta (corner of Oakdale)
recording: 404-659-4749; more info, Phil Hutto: 892-7444
www.aszc.org

Daily sittings: 7-8 am & 7:30-8:30 pm. Saturday 6:30-9:30 am and Sunday 7-11 am, with newcomers' session from 11-12 on Sunday. Emory members of this group also meet every Monday, 4:30-5:45, Rm 106 Cannon Chapel. Contact Phil Hutto about Emory Zen group. Zen prison project is very active.

Black Fox Zendo (Japanese, Soto Zen tradition)
Unzan Leslie Real
2908 Black Fox Drive (home)
Atlanta 30345
404-727-4099
lreal@biology.emory.edu

International Zen Dojo Sogen Kai of Atlanta (Japanese, Rinzai Zen tradition)
Atlanta Center for Zen & Arts
Dr. Ginny Whitelaw
292 S. Atlanta St, Suite F
Roswell, GA 30075
770/649-8383
gwhitelaw@bodylearning.com
www.bodylearning.com/zen/index.html

Asst. Teacher: Glenn Murray
404-216-5293 (Day)
404-294-0083 (Home)
radagast@mindspring.com

Atlanta branch of International Zen Dojo Sogenkai, a Rinzai Zen Dojo. Teaches Zazen and Aikido, a martial arts tradition that uses wooden staffs. Teachers are Dr. Ginny Whitelaw & Glenn Murray. Zazen: Sunday 6:30-7:45 pm (intro class) and 7:45-9:00 pm; Thu 6:00-6:45 pm; and Saturday 9:00-10:15 pm.

Atlanta Zen Group (Japanese, Rinzai Zen tradition)
Susan Culpepper & Wesley Anderson
712 Northern Ave (home)
Clarkston 30021
404-523-2767 - O
404-296-2703 - H
susanculpepper@hotmail.com

Nipponzan Myohoji - Atlanta Dojo (Japanese, branch of Nicheren tradition)
Brother Utsumi & Sister Denise
1127 Glenwood Ave, SE
Atlanta, GA 30316
404-627-8948

Sect of Nicheren Buddhism, involved in peace walks, building peace stupas, and social activism. One Japanese monk and one Western nun live in this center.

Breathing Heart Sangha (Vietnamese, Thich Nhat Hanh tradition)
Atlanta Branch: Contact Matt Laney, 404-653-0526, mattrlaney@inside.org

Athens Branch: Contact Marie Waters, 706-369-3253, riknmari@mindspring.com

Combination of Zen & Mindfulness. A Floating sangha @ B meets every other Saturday or Sunday, at different people's homes in Atlanta area, and every Friday or Saturday in Athens.

Namaste Sangha (Vietnamese, Thich Nhat Hanh tradition)
Faith Russler
frr@mindspring.com

Losel Shedrup Ling (Tibetan, Gelugpa Tradition)
Geshe Lobsang Negi & Geshe Thubten Wangyal
2531 Briarcliff Rd, Suite 101 (located inside Woodlake Office Park)
Atlanta, 30329
404-982-0051
institute@drepung.org
www.drepung.org
Meditation and/or teaching offered every Tuesday evening; 7:30-9:30 pm, Thursday from 7:30-9:00, and Sunday from 9-11 a.m.. This Gelugpa group is affiliated with Drepung Loseling Monastery in India. Main teacher: Geshe Lobsang Negi, also teaches at Emory.

Shambhala Meditation Center of Atlanta (Tibetan, Karma-Kagyu tradition)
Carol Williams or Ron Renz
1447 Church Street
Decatur 30030
404-873-9846
karuna@mindspring.com
www.atlantashambhalacenter.org

Karma-Kagyu meditation community, founded by Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche. Tuesday open house 7-9 pm; Shambhala practice, Sunday 9-2:30; Mindfulness meditation Tues & Wed 7-9 pm and Sun 9-noon.

Drikung Kagyu (Tibetan, Drikung-Kagyu tradition)
Ven. Konchog Dorje
2688 Braithwood Road (H)
Atlanta 30345
770-938-9590
kdorje@aol.com

Rameshori Buddhist Center (Tibetan, New Kadampa tradition)
Gen. Losang Kelsang
PO Box 250708
Atlanta, GA 30325
Rameshori@mediaone.net

New Kadampa tradition, founded in 1997 by Geshe Kelsang Gyatso. Their tradition is highly critical of the Dalai Lama, and vice versa, because they do a practice HH has banned. This group used to meet at the Quaker Meeting House in Decatur, but I'm not sure if they still do. Dharma teachings on text, Sunday 11-1 and 1:30-3:30; meditation instruction 7:30-9:30 pm.

ASIAN TEMPLES

Wat Buddha Bucha (Theravada, Thai)
Ven. Chao Koun
3094 Rainbow Drive
Decatur, GA 30034
404-284-2416
Primarily services the Thai community, but other Theravadin groups use this facility as well; approximately 2 Thai monks. Meets every Sunday, 9-2 for Thai language classes; Vipassana meditation taught Wed 7:30-9:30 pm and Dhamma Study Thursday 7:30-9:30 pm. Great festivals held periodically throughout the year.

Georgia Buddhist Vihara (Theravada, Sri Lankan)
Ven. Wajirabodhi
1683 South Deshon Road
Lithonia 30058
venwajira@hotmail.com
770-482-9913


Cambodian Buddhist Society (Theravada, Cambodian)
Ven. Sathain
6533 Rock Springs Rd
Lithonia 30058
770-482-5563

Lithonia is near Stone Mountain. Monks don't really speak any English.

Chua Quang-Minh/Vietnamese Buddhist Assoc. of Georgia
(Mahayana, Vietnamese)
Rev. Thich Thein Thanh
1169 Benteen Ave SE, Atlanta
404-624-9782

Near Grant Park. Services the Vietnamese community. Meets every Sunday, 11:00-12:30. Head priest speaks no English, so be sure to talk to Dr Chuong Tran, President, 706-798-1102 (hm), 706-737-4093 (of) OR contact Mr. Phone Le, Secretary (pv1@atlanta.ds.com) before going. Usually they will suggest that you get there by around 10:30, so they can explain things to you before the service. Expect to be fed after the service. (great food!)

Mietoville Academy/Pure Land Buddhist Association (Pure Land, Taiwanese)
2513 Paden's Chace Way
Lawrenceville, GA
770-418-1086
Talk to Ms. Lee.