

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:gwhitelaw@bodylearning.com)  
[www.bodylearning.com/zen/index.html](http://www.bodylearning.com/zen/index.html)

Asst. Teacher: Glenn Murray  
404-216-5293 (Day)  
404-294-0083 (Home)  
[radagast@mindspring.com](mailto: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,  
mattlaney@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-Kagyü tradition)  
Carol Williams or Ron Renz  
1447 Church Street  
Decatur 30030  
404-873-9846  
karuna@mindspring.com  
www.atlantashambhalacenter.org

Karma-Kagyü 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 Kagyü (Tibetan, Drikung-Kagyü 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

Lithonia is near Stone Mountain. Head monk, Wajirabodhi, speaks great English. Around 2 other monks. New temple, services Sri Lankans, mostly on Sunday morning.

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.