

DSC events, affinity events and events of community interest
March 25 version

All DSC Events and Affinity Events must be accessible to obtain DSC sponsorship.

DSC event: the dharma as taught by DSC teachers and spiritual inquiry such as taught by Aaron (DSC classes, retreats, workshops, meditation days.) All DSC new events are passed by GTAG. Retreats are coordinated through the Retreat Committee. These events may or may not be taught at DSC. They are listed on our calendar and web site.

To be considered a DSC event, regardless of whether DSC will be handling the administration of the event (registration, collecting fees if any), the class list and contact information is shared with DSC as for a regular class, other DSC events and retreats are suggested when appropriate, and dana or fees shared in some way with the Center. Fundamentally, the class or event should help strengthen and broaden the whole of the Deep Spring program in a meaningful way.

2. DSC Affinity event (may or may not be taught by a DSC teacher; may or may not be held in our space but is closely aligned with the wider dharma as we teach it at DSC.) (examples: drumming circle, tai chi, chanting, out of town teachers)

These are events which support DSC and its teaching of insight meditation and spiritual inquiry, but may be taught outside of the center itself or by a visiting teacher.

DSC Affinity events will be listed on our web calendar and may be listed in the written newsletter calendar at GTAG's discretion. An announcement prepared by the organizer will be approved by GTAG and emailed to the sangha.

For teachers who are giving a class, workshop, or other event and wish to have it considered by GTAG as an affinity event, here are some guidelines:

- The event or class should involve and support Deep Spring Center and the sangha.

- Affinity events will not include fundraising for any outside projects, no matter how close to our hearts. Fundraisers will be "events of interest."

- While Deep Spring will not be handling the administration of the event (registration, collecting fees if any), the class list and contact information is shared with DSC as for a regular class unless a person requests their name be omitted, other DSC events and retreats are suggested when appropriate, and dana or fees shared in some way with the Center. Fundamentally, the class or

event should help strengthen and broaden the whole of the Deep Spring program in a meaningful way.

Approved requests for affinity events will come to Alice through GTAG, not through individual sangha members. DSC sangha should present their Affinity Events to GTAG for approval. GTAG will then give the finalized, approved information to the office manager for appropriate emailing and insertion to the DSC web calendar.

3. Community Events of Interest

These are events which are not either Deep Spring or affinity events, as decided by the GTAG committee. They are spirit-related events that we feel may be of interest to our sangha, and share the information as a service to the sangha.

Approved requests for community events will come to Alice through GTAG, not through individual sangha members. Procedure is outlined below.

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Deep Spring will send out one e-mail at the beginning of each month for "Community events of Interest". These are events related to meditation and spiritual inquiry, not personal events.

The e-mail will be headed by a disclaimer statement that these events are included because they may be of interest to the DSC sangha. They are not sponsored by or approved by DSC.

Anyone with such an event please send an e-mail describing the event and contact person in a paragraph to Susan Weir at: seaweir@gmail.com Susan will compile the events as they come in, editing them as necessary for brevity. Events will be limited to a paragraph or so. If any seem not appropriate, she will send them by the rest of the GTAG committee for review as they come in.

All events must be e-mailed in by the 20th of the month. Susan will then send on the prospective e-mail to GTAG for review and approval by the end of the month.

At least two other GTAG members will OK the announcement. Susan will then send it on, in this finished form, to the OM (Alice), who can simply e-mail it out to the sangha around the first of the month.

Part of this process is to centralize the request for announcement process. Alice should instruct anyone who approaches her with a request to send it to the e-mail address above.

In terms of events of interest promotion at the center itself, it is requested that flyers and announcements have a special place to be, not on the front buffet.

Dianne will bring in a literature rack for use of community events of interest and place it in the library. Class announcement lists should also be limited to DSC and affinity events.

DSC Social Events: The DSC Social Committee events are planned and carried out by the Social Committee and are not part of this three-tier system. Such events are promoted on the DSC web site and by DSC email.