RETREATS · GROUP GATHERINGS · COLORADO

Host Your Retreat & Bring Your Group to Crestone Mountain Zen Center

A place to gather, practice, and reconnect

Nestled at 8,400 feet in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Colorado, Crestone Mountain Zen Center offers a unique setting for retreats, workshops, and group gatherings.

The center can be booked in its entirety, giving your group the space, privacy, and simplicity needed to fully focus on your shared experience. Surrounded by high-desert landscape, open skies, and the quiet rhythm of a Zen monastery, CMZC offers an environment that naturally supports reflection, connection, learning, and deep practice.

A Different Kind of Retreat Setting

CMZC is not a conventional conference center or resort.

It is a working Zen monastery—a place shaped by practice, simplicity, silence, community, and awareness. Your group will be staying in an environment where these qualities are part of everyday life.

For some groups, that means an opportunity to go deeper into meditation and contemplative practice. For others, it simply offers the space to step away from routine and experience a different way of being together.

We welcome groups whose programs are compatible with the atmosphere and values of the center.

If you have a group and a program, we provide the place to bring it to life.

Space for Practice and Gathering

The monastery provides more than a place to sleep. The setting itself becomes part of the retreat.

Groups can make use of the center's spaces for meditation, movement, teaching, workshops, and group activities. The Dome can be used for all kind of group activities and gatherings. If interested, participants are welcome to join the morning and evening meditation sessions in the zendo (meditation hall).

Outside, trails lead directly into the surrounding landscape, offering opportunities for walking, solitude, informal conversation, and time in nature.

And when night falls, the surrounding Crestone area offers exceptionally dark skies and views of the stars. CMZC is located in a designated Dark Sky area.

A Private Monastery for Your Group

When you book CMZC as a whole, your group can settle into the rhythm of the center without sharing the campus with unrelated retreat groups.

The property offers a combination of private rooms, shared accommodations, common spaces, and outdoor areas, allowing you to create the configuration that best fits your group.

We provide three healthy vegan and vegetarian meals a day. We plan the meals and do the grocery shopping ourselves. We take food intolerances and allergies into account as much as possible.

Accommodations

Guest House: accommodation for up to 15 people with a shared bathroom

4 cabins / single rooms: additional private accommodation mostly with private bathroom

2 double rooms: additional shared accommodation with a shared bathroom

Up to 10 campsites: for participants who prefer to camp with a shared bathroom

The exact accommodation arrangement can be tailored to your group and the availability of the different spaces.

Create your retreat: Space for Practice and Gathering

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Groups can make use of the center's practice and gathering spaces for meditation, movement, teaching, workshops, and group activities. The Zendo is available for meditation practice, while the Dome can be used for meditation, yoga, tai chi, and other body-based practices.

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For Zen Centers and Meditation Groups

Does your Zen center or meditation community need a place for a retreat?

CMZC offers an opportunity to bring your sangha together in an environment already shaped by Zen practice. Whether you are looking for a weekend sitting, a longer meditation retreat, a teacher-led intensive, or simply a temporary home for your community, you can organize your own program while making use of the center's spaces and accommodations.

You bring your teachers and participants. We provide the setting.

Make CMZC Your Home for a While

Bring your group, your teaching, and your intention. We will work with you to find an arrangement that fits your retreat and makes the best use of the center and its surroundings.

Interested in booking CMZC for your group or retreat?

Please contact our Guest Manager: **Guestmanager@dharmasangha.org**

Tell us a little about your group, the type of retreat or event you are planning, your preferred dates, and the approximate number of participants.

We look forward to hearing from you.