

# "kōan"

## Two Days Chan Meditation Retreat Registration

9/15/2017 – 9/17/2017

Leading Teacher: The author of "Passing Through the Gateless Barrier: kōan Practice for Real Life".  
~ Guo Gu (Jimmy Yu, PhD)

**Date:** 9/15/2017 – 9/17/2017

**Venue:** Cabins, Washington State Park, De Soto

**Starts:** Friday, 9/15/2017 at 5:00 pm - 6:30pm (check-in)

**Ends:** Sunday, 9/17/2017 at 3:00 pm

**You register for (please circle one):** Whole Retreat or Commute

**Commuter schedule:** 8:30am - till Sunset.

\* The commute program is for the participant who will attend this retreat for two full days.

**Registration Deadline:** 8/12/2017

(Priority acceptance will be offered to those when register for the whole retreat.)

**Whole Retreat Fee:** \$120 **Commuter Fee:** \$80

**Transportation:** upon request.

**Scholarship:** upon request.

**Requirement:** Please read all attached "kōan" Two Day Meditation Retreat Information in this form.

### PERSONAL DATA

**First Name:**

**Family Name:**

**Gender:** Female Male

**Occupation:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Education:**

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**Email:**

**Contact by Email?** Yes No

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip Code:**

**Country:**

**Emergency Contact Person:**

**Cellphone Number:**

### PRACTICE HISTORY

**Have you studied meditation before?** Yes No

**If yes to question above, where? And, in what tradition?**

**How many years have you been practicing meditation?**

**Do you practice meditation regularly?** Daily Weekly Irregularly Never

**Date of last retreat (3 days or longer):** (month and year)

**Last retreat (3 days or longer) with teacher's name:**

**If you have additional comments about your practice, please enter the information below:**



## “kōan” Two Day Meditation Retreat Information

<p><b>WHAT IS “KŌAN” ?</b></p>	<p>“An apparently paradoxical statement or question used in Chan practice to induce an intense level of doubt, allowing the practitioner to cut through conventional and conditioned descriptions of reality and see directly into their true nature.” Adapted from <i>The Heart of Being</i> by John Daido Looi</p>
<p><b>ABOUT THE BOOK: “PASSING THROUGH THE GATELESS BARRIER: PRACTICE FOR REAL LIFE”.</b></p>	<p>Gateways to awakening surround us at every moment of our lives. The whole purpose of kōan (gong’an, in Chinese) practice is to keep us from missing these myriad opportunities by leading us to certain gates that have traditionally been effective for people to access that marvelous awakening. The forty-eight kōans of the Gateless Barrier (Chinese: Wumenguan; Japanese: Mumonkan) have been waking people up for well over eight hundred years. Chan teacher Guo Gu provides here a fresh translation of the classic text, along with the first English commentary by a teacher of the Chinese tradition from which it originated. He shows that the kōans in this text are not mere stories from a distant past, but are rather pointers to the places in our lives where we get stuck—and that each sticking point, when examined, can become a gateless barrier through which we can enter into profound wisdom.</p>
<p><b>ORGANIZED BY</b></p>	<p>Pure Mind Center/ Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association, St Louis (DDMBA-St Louis)</p>
<p><b>LEADING TEACHER</b></p>	<p><b>Guo Gu (Jimmy Yu, PhD) - The author of “Passing Through the Gateless Barrier: Koan Practice for Real Life”.</b></p> <p><b>Guo Gu</b> is one of Master Sheng Yen's senior lay teachers and translators, assisting with and leading activities at the Chan Meditation Center, Dharma Drum Retreat Center, and Dharma Drum Mountain, Taiwan. In 1982, while still quite young, he learned meditation from Master Sheng Yen, and began practicing Chan intensively in 1989. He was also the personal monastic attendant and assistant to Master Sheng Yen for almost nine years, and then in 1995, he was given permission by the Master to teach (inka) Chan. He has led retreats in various parts of the United States, Europe, and Asia. Guo Gu is now the guiding instructor for the Western Dharma Teachers at the Chan Meditation Center. He received his doctorate in Buddhist Studies in 2008 from Princeton University, and is now an Assistant Professor at Florida State University. Currently, he is the leader of the Tallahassee Chan Group which meets regularly at the Tallahassee Buddhist Community in Florida.</p>
<p><b>VENUE</b></p>	<p>Cabin Site, Washington State Park, De Soto</p>
<p><b>DATE</b></p>	<p>9/15/2017 – 9/17/2017</p>
<p><b>CHECK-IN</b></p>	<p>9/15/2017      5:00pm ~ 6:30pm</p>

END	9/17/2017 3:00pm
OPENING	Limited for 24 practitioners. (Priority acceptance will be offered to those who register for the whole retreat.)
REGISTRATION	From now to 2017/8/12.
FEE	\$120 per person (accommodation and meals included. ) Commuter Fee: \$80
CURRICULUM	Lectures, meditation, Yoga & moving meditation, outdoor activities, mindfulness daily working practice, and more.
INQUIRY	Pure Mind Center 7825 Olive Blvd., U. City, MO 63130 email: <a href="mailto:info.puremindcenter@gmail.com">info.puremindcenter@gmail.com</a> Tel: 314-277-5640 Voice Message: 636-825-3889
REMARK	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incomplete application form and registration information, or failure to submit application fee will be considered as incomplete application.</li> <li>2. Avoid unnecessary absence due to the limited openings. The fee is not refundable once the application is accepted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>To Register:</b> Mail this completed application and fee to Pure Mind Center or email this completed application to <a href="mailto:info.puremindcenter@gmail.com">info.puremindcenter@gmail.com</a> and mail you application fee to us as soon as possible to confirm a spot. The application deadline is Saturday, August 12. You will receive a confirmation via an e-mail, or mail on/before August 18, if everything was followed precisely.</li> <li>2. <b>Refund policy:</b> After you receive our confirmation, if you cannot make it, because of some emergency, you must notify us as soon as possible. If you notify us by 11:59pm on August 31, 2017, you will receive a full refund. Any time after that, there is no refund.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Weather	Threat of severe weather - In the case of severe weather, we will call each registrant and switch the location of the retreat to the Pure Mind Center in St. Louis.