

Dear Lama Drupgyu,

I am sincerely grateful for your support, and I have a few updates. I have been accepted to stay in a remote cabin at The Land of Calm Abiding in Big Sur California (450 acres) and they accepted the amount that I was going to give to the previous landlord. Kolby, the director of that land has given me his permission to stay there indefinitely in retreat. Kolby shops every 2 or 3 weeks and brings the supplies to a trailhead so for the duration of the retreat I will be in solitude and not come into direct contact with others. There is no cell reception, though if there is an emergency or if I have to send year end reports via a satellite internet at the main house elsewhere on the property. I have attached pictures of the cabin and the information including the caretakers name and the address.

As you usually give the notice sooner, I had thought that I had not received the scholarship and I had many dreams and signs from Getse Rinpoche as well as talking with Khentrul Lodro Thaye Rinpoche that I should stick with the practice that HH Getse Rinpoche gave me and told me was the most important for my enlightenment in this life (the Chetsun Nyingthik and Lama Yangtik). He said that for this life I should practice this alone until enlightenment and not seek other deities. However, I do not intend to change anything for the retreat from what I had mentioned in the application other than the specific cycle. I still intend to do the mind training for 7 months and the complete Ngondro including 3 bum of Vajrasattva and ten million of the guru yoga. There will also be 3 months of the completion stage practice related to the Vajrasattva of the Ngondro. That would be for the 3 years and 3 months. I will not change the format of this retreat once I start and will take a firm and binding vow at the outset of the retreat.

If there is any problem with this change, I would be happy to discuss it with you. This is the practice that I did in my first three-year retreat in 2007-2010 in which HH Getse Rinpoche lived with us and gave me all the transmissions and teachings for Chetsun Nyingtik as well as continual guidance in it.

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I have attached some photos of the cabin that I will be staying at below.

Sincerely and with deep gratitude,  
Ngawang Senge (Sarkis Vermilyea)







