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# 2025 Saishin Dōjō

From **Monday, June 16 to Friday, July 11, 2025**, Los Angeles Nishi Hongwanji Betsuin and Senshin Buddhist Temple will host the **36th annual Saishin Dōjō (西心道場)** Dharma School program.

## What is Saishin Dōjō?

"Dōjō (道場)" refers to a Buddhist temple, a place where awakening is cultivated. "Sai (西)" means "nishi" or "west", from Nishi Hongwanji (西本願寺), and "Shin (心)" meaning kokoro, "mind/body," comes from Senshin Temple (洗心寺), forming the name **Saishin Dōjō**. Our program started in 1987.

## Program Details

- **Schedule:** 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM (with pick-up service until 6:00 PM sharp)
- **Location:** Senshin Buddhist Temple (1311 W. 37th St., Los Angeles, CA 90007)
- **Attendance:** Full participation (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) is required to benefit from the interconnected curriculum.

## Curriculum

1. **Academic Instruction** – Reading, math, writing, and language skills, taught by California-credentialed Dharma School teachers.
2. **Buddhist & Cultural Studies** – Includes meditation, Japanese culture, music, temple etiquette, ikebana, Bon Odori, judo, calligraphy, taiko, gagaku, bugaku, and more. Each day begins with a **morning omairi service**.
3. **Health & Safety** – A registered nurse is on staff.
4. **Electronics Policy** – No cell phones, electronic games, trading cards, or toys. The focus is on real social interaction.

## Eligibility & Registration

- **Who can enroll?** Children entering **1st–6th grade in Fall 2024**, whose parents/guardians are **registered temple members**.
- **Class size:** Limited to **15 students per grade**.
- **Registration:**
  - Returning students: Forms will be sent to families from last year.
  - New students: Welcome to apply.
  - Proof of temple membership is required. Incomplete forms will not guarantee a spot.

## Fees

- **Temple Members of Nishi Betsuin and Senshin:** \$700
- **Other Buddhist Temple Members:** \$750
- **Includes:** All excursions, transportation, bottled water for the Nishi Betsuin Carnival fundraiser, and a **2025 Saishin Dōjō T-shirt** (additional shirts: \$12 each).

## Excursions & Parent Participation

- Parents may join outings with prior approval (at least one week in advance) and must cover their own expenses.
- Friends of students **cannot** join excursions.

## Special Needs Policy

- Acceptance is **case-by-case**. Parents must disclose **specific needs** in the application.
- Without prior approval, participation may be discontinued. One-on-one supervision is **not available**.

## 6th Grade Camping Trip

- **Dates:** Sunday, July 13 – Thursday, July 17, 2025
- **Location:** San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple
- **Cost:** \$700 (includes room, board, transportation, and excursions)
- **Activities:** Omairi, Meditation, meal service, tide pool visits, sand dunes, farm tours, crafts, and more. Supervised by experienced camp counselors, teachers, a cooking staff, and a licensed nurse.

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## Saishin Dōjō Daily Schedule

- **8:00 AM** – Senshin Temple Opens
  - **8:30 – 9:15 AM** – Assembly, Rajio Taiso, Obon Dance, Mediation
  - **9:20 – 9:45 AM** – Omairi
  - **9:45 – 10:45 AM** – Session 1
  - **10:45 – 11:15 AM** – Break
  - **11:15 AM – 12:15 PM** – Session 2
  - **12:15 – 1:15 PM** – Lunch
  - **1:15 – 2:15 PM** – Session 3
  - **2:15 – 3:15 PM** – Session 4
  - **3:10 – 3:30 PM** – Sōji (Cleanup)
  - **3:30 – 6:00 PM** – Supervised After-School Play
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## Registration Instructions

### How to Register:

You may register by **mail, walk-in, or email.**

- **Mail completed forms to:** *The Saishin Dojo*, 1311 W. 37th St. Los Angeles, CA 90007
- **Email completed forms to:** saishindojo87@gmail.com  
(Please attach the completed registration form.)

### Required Registration Materials:

1. **Completed Registration Form** (including proof of temple membership)
2. **Request for Medication Form** (if applicable)
3. **Deposit payment** (Check made payable to "The Saishin Dojo")

### Payment via Zelle:

To pay via **Zelle**, send your deposit or registration fee to **saishindojo87@gmail.com**

- **Include the student's name and event name (Saishin Dojo)** in the memo section.
- **Enter the Zelle payment confirmation number** in the designated field on the registration form.

### Important Notes:

- Do **not** send registration via express mail or any method requiring a signature. If no one is present at the temple to sign, your registration may be delayed.
- Once we receive your registration, you will receive a confirmation letter with the balance due on the first day of **Saishin Dojo**.
- If you do not receive a **confirmation letter within two weeks** of mailing, please contact Senshin Buddhist Temple.
- The deposit (\$100) is **non-refundable after April 30, 2025**.
- If registering more than one child, please submit a **separate registration form** for each child.

For tax-deduction purposes, our corporate ID numbers are:

- **L.A. Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple** – #95-6118925
- **Senshin Buddhist Temple** – #95-4147365

For more Information, please call Senshin Buddhist Temple (323) 731-4617, or email to saishindojo87@gmail.com

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# 2025 SAISHIN DŌJŌ REGISTRATION FORM

Monday, June 16 – Friday, July 11, 2025

## *Student Information*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall 2025): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Occupation or Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Contact Information*

Primary Contact Person Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Person Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs & Medical Information**

Children with special needs will only be accepted on an individual basis. Please describe any **special needs** your child has:

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**Allergies requiring medication:**

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**Special medications:**

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**Medical Permission Form**

In case of illness or accident, I authorize Saishin Dōjō staff to seek necessary medical treatment for my child.

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Person Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Doctor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Temple Membership Confirmation

This is to confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent or Guardian name)

is a registered member of: Temple Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Temple Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Temple Authority: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***(This section must be signed by a temple minister as proof of membership. Please visit your temple and meet with the minister to obtain the signature.)***

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## T-Shirt Order

Each registered student receives **one free T-shirt**. Please select size:

- Youth: S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_
- Adult: S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_

**Additional T-shirts** may be purchased for **\$12 each**. Please select size and quantity:

- Youth: S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_
- Adult: S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_

## Registration Fees

- Nishi Betsuin/Senshin Temple Members: \$700.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Temple Members: \$750.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional T-shirts: \$12 per T-shirt \_\_\_\_\_
- 6th Grade Campout: \$700.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

A **minimum \$100 deposit** is required to complete registration. This amount will be deducted from the total fee. You may also choose to pay the full amount at the time of registration.

- **Deposit Paid:** \$100 (Required) or Total Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**Balance Due:** \_\_\_\_\_ (The remaining balance is due on the first day of Saishin Dōjō.)

**\*If you are paying via Zelle, please enter your Zelle payment confirmation number:**

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