

**This place is financed only by donations.
Donations are the only form of income for DCH.**

We are practising here what is done in some Buddhist monasteries. There is no fixed fee, but donations are being asked for. What you donate when you leave will be used to pay for the stay of some other person who will come after you. In this way, money does not bestow any power to buy what one wants, but is in itself an act of generosity to benefit someone else. Donations make the running of the place possible. It allows people without financial means to participate who would not be able to afford it otherwise. Your generosity is the key for this form of solidarity and growth.

- There are three categories of costs at DCH:
 - 1) The costs for the maintenance of the place is about \$6-8'000.- per year (not including new investments nor heavy work of replacement of deteriorated parts): they concern current buildings repairs, road maintenance, paddock slashing, wood cutting. These are constant costs that do not depend on how much the place is being used.
 - 2) The costs for consumption of resources: water, power, wood, gas, food, material, etc. used by all of us. These are costs linked with the intensity of attendance.
 - 3) The costs for the work involved in maintaining the place and preparing for the retreats or seminars. Most of the work is offered by volunteers or by us. Still, some work must be paid for, like for people working professionally for us: preparing the meals, major repairs or renovations; or for people coming from elsewhere: transport and fees for facilitators of retreats or seminars.
- As a guide in giving your donation, below is an example, based on one person. The lowest fees are only possible because some other people give more. You can also bring a dish to share (please coordinate with us!)

Example:

Count the number of days (not incl. nights) you spent at DCH: D
Count the number of nights (not incl. days) you spent at DCH: N
Count the number of meals you ate at DCH (incl. breakfasts): M
Add these 3 numbers and it gives you -----
the TOTAL (that is the number of units): T
Multiply this total number of units by the amount you want
to donate for each of these units (day / night / meal): x \$
(if possible some \$10.-/unit... or less or more) -----
This multiplication gives the TOTAL FOR DONATION: \$
Example: 1Day + 2Nights + 5Meals = 8 units @ \$10.-/unit = \$80.-
(or the same @ \$5.-/unit or \$20.-/unit = \$40.- or \$160.-).
This is only an example! Feel free to do as you want.

The income needed to run DCH depends of course on how many people take part in seminars and retreats and how frequent these events are. Where a retreat leader is invited from elsewhere, there will be fixed charges accruing due to transport costs, fees and accommodation etc. and these will be divided up by the number of participants and shared.

- The system of donation is not a system which makes it cheaper (because costs are unavoidable). It makes it fairer. Think of what you would pay elsewhere. We try to remain as modest as possible: simplicity is beautiful, especially if basic comfort is ensured; it is the practice for harmony with our environment.
- Any donation is welcome to finance major works of maintenance for the buildings and garden or extensions, acquisition of material, etc.
- Leave your donation in the box near the entrance door. Cheques can be made out to "Desert Creek House". Donations remain confidential; we do not know who gives what, unless you are the only one to attend.
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