

**Dragons Entering the Tassajara Gate**  
Ancient Dragon Zen Gate Sangha @ Tassajara Zen Mountain Center  
With Rev. Hogetsu Laurie Belzer

**Tuesday June 27, 2023 - Sunday July 2, 2023 (5 nights)**



Our Ancient Dragon Zen Gate sangha, has been offered a precious opportunity to gather for practice at [Tassajara Zen Mountain Center](#), a San Francisco Zen Center training temple and dharma flower of American Zen. Tassajara is a cherished place in our American Soto Zen tradition located in a remote valley inland from Big Sur, California: challenging to get to, off the grid, and steeped in Suzuki-roshi's deep and warm zen practice. The summer season at Tassajara was closed during the pandemic and our presence will support Tassajara's continuance. SFZC envisions "a summer of Suzuki Roshi sanghas practicing in the intimacy of Tassajara valley, growing together in the Dharma, and preparing our beloved monastery for a robust 2024."

During our stay, we will taste temple life as we work with the Tassajara community for part of the day and attend zendo events. This will include morning zazen & service, work-practice, and evening zazen or Dharma events. Four hours of work-practice daily is required of participants. For part of the day and evenings, we will have time to enjoy the natural beauty and connect together as ADZG sangha for study and sharing.

The SFZC fee for Tassajara Sangha Week is \$600 per person for the 5-night stay. Transportation to California and Tassajara are additional personal expenses. Optional visits to [SFZC Bay area temples](#) may be possible.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Hogetsu in person, or at [info@ancientdragon.org](mailto:info@ancientdragon.org) as soon as possible because the trip requires significant advance planning and space is limited. Please note that Tassajara will announce COVID precautions later.

Here is the 2023 Tassajara Summer Schedule:

5:30am wake up bell  
6:00 morning zazen (Chairs available for sitting)  
7:00 morning service  
7:30 breakfast  
8:30 morning work circle, begin Morning Sangha work practice session (8:30-12)  
12:00 lunch  
1 pm afternoon work circle, begin Afternoon Sangha work practice session  
3:30 pm Sangha afternoon work practice session ends for dish crew  
4:30 Bath/ Exercise time  
5:50 evening service  
6:00 dinner  
6:30 - 7:30 evening dishes (dish crew only)  
8:00 zazen  
8:40 refuges