

# An Invitation to JIKOJI ZEN RETREAT CENTER

Jikoji is a rural retreat center in the mountains above Saratoga that is available for group and individual rental use. It is a quiet spot located within the Long Ridge Open Space Preserve lands, an area that includes many wonderful hiking trails and panoramic views of the coast. Jikoji includes four large buildings: a Community Building with a commercial kitchen, dining room, library-living space and bathrooms; a Dorm Building that has dorm rooms as well as private rooms, most with private bathrooms; and a Zendo Building, a large space used for meditation, meetings, yoga and like-minded activities. The fourth building is residence for the staff of Jikoji, who maintain Jikoji and maintain a practice of meditation. Jikoji lands include a creek, small pond, many leveled campsites, outdoor eating areas, a garden, and about thirteen acres of woodland. Rental groups may rent the Jikoji facilities for any time period. Commonly, groups will rent Jikoji for a week or a weekend, but some groups have rented Jikoji for more than a month, for extended programs. One day rentals are also possible. Rental groups have the exclusive use of the three buildings and grounds mentioned above, and the Zendo space is often customized for different meditation traditions or for special activities. Usually groups come with their own cook and cooking plans, exclusively using the Jikoji's kitchen and dining area, but Jikoji may also be able to assist in food



preparation, if needed, as an added arrangement. When Jikoji is not hosting groups or hosting its own programs, the rooms and facilities are available for individuals, and some join in Jikoji's daily meditation, while others do a more personal retreat. The environment is very quiet and peaceful, and the woods are always beautiful. So whether a group, large or small, or as individuals, please consider Jikoji when planning your retreat or event.

Much more information about Jikoji is available at [jikoji.org](http://jikoji.org) Please contact Kathy Oliver, the Jikoji Guest Manager (also called the Shika), for a visit, for more rental information and for bookings - through the website or at [info@jikoji.org](mailto:info@jikoji.org)

You may also phone Jikoji (408)-741-9562