

## **Khampa Nomad Arts Workshops**

**Workshops take place in the nomadic yak camps outside of Lhagang (Tagong). Techniques and tools are all traditional Tibetan nomadic tools – that is, they are very basic. So all of our workshops focus on learning to do things with basic, easily reproduced tools. Participants will, in each workshop, learn to make many of the necessary tools with materials available in everyday life.**

**Nomad Life Workshop:** Join the nomads at their camp and learn their life-skills. Includes yak-milking, butter-making, yogurt-making, quick cheese making, dung collection and processing, and yak herding; as well as artisanal skills such as felt making, complex braiding, rope-making, yarn-spinning. Longer stays with advance warning also can include leather working, backstrap weaving, (1-3 days recommended, longer possible. Y270 pp per day including 3 meals and bed. May-February. Does not include transportation to camps.)

**Yak Husbandry Workshop:** This 4-day workshop takes place at the nomad camps, and goes into the details of raising yaks for those with serious interest. Includes herding, milking, calf-care, castration, shearing, taming, pack training, and more. Also includes yak use skills like dung drying and processing, fire-making, butter-making, yogurt culture gathering, cheese-making (both quick and slow cheeses), rope making, yarn spinning, weaving, and felting. (Y1400pp including 3 meals per day and lodging. June-September. Does not include transportation to camps.)

**Yak Hair Weaving and Spinning Workshop:** This is a five-day workshop which focuses on shearing, carding, separating, spinning and weaving yak hair, as well as sewing it into traditional blankets, bags, and jackets. We will work with guard hair, down hair, and mixed hair. (May-February, Y2100 including meals and lodging, and materials fee. Does not include transportation.)

**Felting Workshop (Wool and Yak):** This is a three-day workshop. We will work with both wool and yak down. We will learn the whole process of felting, from design to production. (May-February, Y1440 including meals, lodging, and materials fee.)

**Leatherworking Workshop:** This is a three day workshop working from the beginning to end of natural leather processing. We will use no purchased chemicals, but only natural products. The end of the workshop will take place in Kangding, where we will study boot and bag making with a leather sewing machine. (April-February, Y1660 including meals, lodging, transport to Kangding, and materials fee.)

**Tibetan Painting Workshop:** To take place in Lhagang town. TBA

