

## ***Northern Yearly Meeting 2007 Session -- May 25-28***

at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin.

The wooded camp surrounds a small lake and has modern, accessible facilities.

*If you plan to attend this session, please register by **May 4**, because the camp bases their meal planning and ordering on the information we provide them two weeks before our session. The planners appreciate your mindfulness!*

### **THEME**

## **BUILDING BRIDGES TO SPIRITUAL WHOLENESS**

### **Walking Each Other Home**

We each contain the germ of many possibilities-- for good and evil, health and illness, growth and decay. When we chose one possibility or it is chosen for us by circumstances, we sometimes close ourselves off from the road not traveled. We may hunger after that lost possibility, sometimes subconsciously, experiencing incompleteness while desiring wholeness of spirit. We do not wish to BECOME what we have discarded, but, can we acknowledge that "there, but for the grace of God, go I"? If we can, we lift up compassion and are able to find a kinship that can relate us in a positive, loving way to others who have traveled different roads. Telling each other our stories helps us discover and acknowledge kinship and allows real bridges to each other to be built. We walk each other home, listening deeply and acknowledging that your home is not my home but could have been.

These bridges form a web of compassion and love that connects our lives. At the Annual Sessions we'll tell stories of our lives and build bridges. We'll embrace the stories, the telling, and the deep listening, weaving them into intergenerational activities, worship, worship sharing, and workshops. We'll co-create the web that makes the living fabric of our community.

Come join us with your story and add your song to the chorus that is the Northern Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions. Let us embrace your story!

### **Queries for NYM Annual Sessions**

- How do I truly look through another's eyes?
- How do I find the courage in conflict to act faithfully, trying to see the best in the other?
- How do I find the good will to listen you into clarity and wholeness?
- Can I see that listening makes me more whole?
- How can I be grateful for who I have become, am becoming?
- Am I open to others' wishes for connection?
- Do I make the time to open to another's heart, to understand what is behind their decisions, to acknowledge the truth of what they are saying and doing?
- Do I see that recognizing the other allows me to see my own path more deeply?

### **PROGRAM**

Friends will be welcomed Friday night by a brief orientation for our community, including an intergenerational activity. Children and Youth orientations follow later in the evening.

Each morning we will have worship sharing sessions, followed by Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business. The afternoons will feature a combination of workshops, games, crafts, ropes course, waterfront, and free time. We invite Friends to initiate activities during free time as they feel led, including but not limited to: singing, interest groups, and intergenerational activities. There will be a place in the dining room to post notices about activities Friends initiate. Please check this board each day.

### **Worship Sharing and Workshops**

This year we are offering instructional worship sharing during workshop time. It will be available on both Saturday and Sunday. On Monday morning we will gather in worship sharing groups to explore our experiences in light of our theme.

Friends are invited to facilitate workshops that are related to our theme. If you would like to facilitate a workshop (afternoon, following lunch), please contact Robin Greenler (608-873-0637 or robin@zephyrfarm.com) before May 4.

### **Worship**

On Saturday morning our whole community, including children, will gather for worship. On Sunday, we will gather for worship prior to Meeting for Business, and on Monday we will end our Meeting for Business with worship. Sunday's Meeting will be open to the sharing of joys, sorrows, and memorials. In addition, at 6:30 each morning there will be an additional opportunity to worship, sponsored by Friends in Unity with Nature (FUN).

### **State of Society Reports**

We will meet on Sunday evening in five groups for discussion time and presentation of the State of Society Reports. These reports detail the life of our Meetings/Worship Groups over the past year and include: memorable events and statistics, struggles, insights, and general thoughts on who we are and how we handle our differences.

### **Talent Show**

The Talent Show will be held on Sunday afternoon to provide talented Friends more time to demonstrate their skills. If there is something that would facilitate your participation and sharing of your unique talent, please bring it along.

### **Young Adult Friends (YAFs)**

Last year for the first time YAFs were a presence among us at the annual session. The group will again have their own space and housing and plan their own program. All YAFs are welcome! Be sure to mark this as your housing preference on the registration form.

### **Children's Program**

Parents are responsible for their children throughout the weekend.

#### **Mornings**

Each morning children have the opportunity to participate in the Children and Youth Program (described later in this brochure).

#### **Afternoons**

Games, crafts, and waterfront activities will be offered during the afternoon workshop sessions on Saturday and Sunday.

#### **Evenings**

Friday evening's welcoming event is intergenerational. During Saturday's Plenary there will be a campfire. Vespers (8:30 – 9:00 p.m.) is a time for quieting children down before bed. It may include some singing, storytelling, or other quiet activities. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Sunday afternoon's talent show is intergenerational; this will be followed by a campfire and vespers.

### **Volunteers**

Volunteers help the program run smoothly! Volunteers support the children's programs, assist with dining room and camp clean-up, work at the FGC bookstore, and help carry trays for those who cannot carry their own. Please come in the spirit of helping and sign up at the registration table at camp.

### Bookstore

A selection of books from the FGC bookstore will be available for sale in Memorial Hall.

### Display Spaces

Display space, in the basement of Pinewood Lodge, will be available for organizations that wish to share materials.

## CAMP INFORMATION

*(The nearest town is Rosholt, Wisconsin, where there are gas stations and mini-marts.)*

- **Emergency phone number:** 715-677-4761. Leave a message and it will be conveyed as soon as possible.
- **Phones:** There are phones in all cabins that may be used with calling cards.
- **Copy machine:** There is an office copy machine available at 10 cents per copy.
- **Wheel chairs:** Some are available. Please include request on registration form.
- **Parking:** Parking is free in the camp lots that are close to the central area.
- **Lost and Found:** Box will be in Dining Hall. After session, contact Ellen Brooks (608-735-4821).

### Camp Facilities

The Lions Camp is in rural Wisconsin, approximately 20 miles from Stevens Point. It is a summer camp for children and adults with a full range of disabilities. Thus the camp is totally accessible, and every cabin has large accessible showers. For special needs/concerns, please contact NYM's facilities coordinator, Dave Minden, 608-238-0693, or via e-mail at [dminden@mailbag.com](mailto:dminden@mailbag.com). Our session will be concentrated in a compact, flat area. There are almost seven miles of hiking trails and a large lake for boating and swimming contiguous to where we will meet. The camp offers a climbing tower and a challenge course, both of which are available to those 12 years and older. The camp will offer one of these Saturday and one Sunday during the early afternoon, as announced. Participants will be charged a \$5/person fee for each activity. Sign up and pay on site at the registration table.

### Camp Rules

Friendly practice and camp regulations prohibit smoking in buildings as well as use of alcohol or illegal drugs. Designated smoking areas will be available for adults. Please observe a quiet time in and near sleeping areas after 10 p.m. *Pets, skateboards, scooters, and in line skates are **not** allowed at the camp.*

## LODGING

### Cabins

The camp cabins are all modern, and have single beds, heat and air conditioning. There are different size cabins:

- Duplex cabins with two rooms, each sleeping ten people, in a dormitory style arrangement and connected by a lounge in between the sleeping rooms.
- Cabins with rooms that sleep eight people (Pinewood Lodge).
- Cabins with four rooms, each sleeping five people. These five person rooms have spacious floors and are suitable for families with children sleeping on the floor who want to share the room with another family. Children under 13 years of age, accompanied by a paying parent or sponsor, may sleep on the floor with their own bedding at no charge for lodging.

Separate housing areas will be available for men only, women only, couples only, families, young adults, teens, and quiet/early to bed. One of the duplex cabins will be available for those needing to be closest to meeting and dining rooms. Please note your housing needs and preferences on your registration form to facilitate our making appropriate housing assignments.

### Camping

Tent camping will be available on the point overlooking the lake, with pit toilets close by. Two other camping spots are in fields on the west side of the camp. Showers/flush toilets are available at the nearest cabin complex.

RVs are allowed in a parking lot, with electrical hookups available at additional charge (see registration form). Waste/water hookups are not available for RVs.

### **Off-site Accommodations**

Two motels in Stevens Point are in easy reach (about 20 minutes) of the Lions Camp. Please make your reservations in advance.

· Country Springs Motel – (800) 998-2311

· Road Star Inn – (800) 445-4667

### **What to Bring**

Cabin lodgers: there are closets for each bed, which may be padlocked if you provide a lock. The camp will provide sheets, pillows, and blankets; towels are not provided.

For all attendees, suggested items to bring include: towels, flashlights, rain and cool weather gear, insect repellent, swimsuit, musical instruments, and songbooks. Bikes are permitted; helmets required. There are tennis courts available.

### **FOOD** (3 Options for Meals)

#### **1. Camp Meals**

Friday dinner through Monday lunch will be prepared by camp staff and will accommodate a variety of tastes and dietary preferences, including children and vegetarian. Please register for your meals and check off the vegetarian/vegan option if that is your preference. The staff will be ordering food for our session based on our pre-registrations, so please register by **May 4**.

*Persons with **severe food allergies** may contact George Owen (414-967-0898 / [gcoven01@yahoo.com](mailto:gcoven01@yahoo.com)) with information about their particular food needs. He will coordinate with the camp cook to address campers needs as best as possible.*

#### **2. Cooperative Simple Foods**

Everyone who wishes to prepare and eat simple whole foods together in a small group should contact Joan Francis (608-735-4408) by **May 4** (pre-registration appreciated, but not necessary). Please let her know your food needs. Her address is 16652 Orchard View Rd., Gays Mills, WI 54631 The cost is \$2 to \$2.50/person/meal (sliding scale) PLUS \$10/adult/session charge for kitchen use. Joan will collect both these fees on site.

#### **3. Fasting**

A very simple food option: consider a three-day fast during NYM. Those interested may meet at mealtimes for fellowship, to share information, and for spiritual support. Some will participate in a water fast and others may do a juice fast (bring your own supplies if this is your desire). Please obtain any needed medical advice ahead of time if you wish to participate in fasting. For further information, contact Mark Helpsmeet at 715-874-6646, or via e-mail at [helpsmeet@usa.net](mailto:helpsmeet@usa.net).

### **Snacks**

A snack table will be available in the dining room each day from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. It will contain beverages and snacks such as peanut butter, jelly, crackers, bread, and fruit. There are small refrigerators located in every cabin for snacks and special foods Friends wish to bring. The camp store will be open periodically with soda and ice cream available for purchase.

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration will occur in the camp dining hall on Friday, May 25, from 3:30 – 9:30 p.m., and at other times as posted at the registration table. When you register you will find out about lodging, obtain a camp map, have the opportunity to sign up for worship sharing and workshops, and sign up to volunteer.

## SCHEDULE

Tentative schedule for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday:

SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY								
6:30 – 7:30 am	Early Worship	6:30 – 7:30 am	Early Worship	6:30 – 7:30 am	Early Worship							
7:15 – 8:30 am	Breakfast	7:15 – 8:30 am	Breakfast	7:15 – 8:30 am	Breakfast							
8:45 – 9:45 am	All Gathering Worship	8:45 – 9:45 am	Meeting for Worship	8:45 – 11:30 am	Meeting for Business							
9:45 – 12:30 pm	Meeting for Business	9:45 – 12:30 pm	Meeting for Business	11:30 – 12:30 pm	Meeting for Worship							
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch							
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5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner									
6:30 – 7:00 pm	Free Time	6:30 – 7:00 pm	Free Time									
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Plenary	7:00 – 9:00 pm	SOS Reports									
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Campfire	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Campfire									
8:30 – 9:00 pm	Vespers	8:30 – 9:00 pm	Vespers									
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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM (C&Y)

***Children and Youth Orientation Meetings-- Please attend parent information meeting on Friday!***

*Infants through older elementary* (parents, children, leaders, interested volunteers)—**Friday, 7:00 p.m.**

*Young Teens* (teens, parents / sponsors, teen leaders)—**Friday, 9:30-10:00 p.m.**

*Older Teens* (teens, parents / sponsors, teen leaders)—**Friday, 9:30-10:00 p.m.**

Please indicate the appropriate age group for children on the registration form. Parents, please use knowledge of your child's ability / interests, and your judgment in selecting the appropriate class for your child. For example, a child who has finished kindergarten may be ready for the early elementary program. Teens who wish to be placed in a program other than the one suggested for their age group must consult with the C & Y coordinator before registering (phone number below).

Children will join All Gathering Worship on Saturday at 8:45 and will proceed to their groups from there, meeting until 12:30 p.m. On Sunday and Monday, children will meet with their groups from 8:30 to 12:30. The older teens have a more flexible schedule and will set their own hours throughout the weekend.

### ***General Expectations for Children, Youth, and Parents***

Parents are responsible for their children at all times. Friendly coordinators will provide supervision during scheduled program times only. It is expected that all children will participate in the scheduled Children and Youth Program. If parents or guardians believe there are special circumstances that could affect participation by a child, please discuss these ahead of time with the C&Y Coordinator, Jennifer Roy. Any child not participating in the morning program must be with a parent / sponsor, and the appropriate age group coordinator must be informed.

### ***Parents, please be on time to pick up your children!***

You can imagine why this is important. With a full morning behind them, and often their own children waiting for them, leaders need to be released on time.

### ***Infants and Toddlers (IT)***

Free play, close adult supervision, and snacks during morning meetings (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.). Please bring diapers and any special food or equipment your child needs. If you wish, bring books or toys marked with your name to lend to the group.

**Preschool / Kindergarten (PK)**

Structured activities, free play, and snacks during morning meetings (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.). Please bring diapers and any special food or equipment your child needs. If you wish, bring books or toys marked with your name to lend to the group.

**Early Elementary (EE—Completing Grades 1-3 this spring)**

Structured program of learning activities, snack, games, and crafts, during morning meetings (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.).

**Older Elementary (OE—Completing Grades 4-6 this spring)**

Structured program of learning activities, snack, games, and crafts, during morning meetings (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.).

**Young Teens (YT, Completing grades 7-8 this spring)**

Structured program during morning meetings. Activities may include discussions of Quaker values and history, arts and drama, crafts, recreation, and sports. Young teens often choose to continue their activities during the afternoon, under the supervision of their parents. One cabin will be designated a young teen cabin, and an overnight chaperone will stay with the group.

**Older Teens (OT, Completing grades 9-12 this spring)**

A program with structured and unstructured intervals, ongoing through the weekend. Activities will include workshops, discussion groups, worship sharing, and an off-site adventure, plus, of course, quality time to spend with other Quaker teens throughout the weekend. One cabin will be designated an older teen cabin, and several of the teen group leaders will also lodge here.

**NYM C&Y Program Staff Leaders**

Coordinator: Jennifer Roy, 218-467-3582, or via e-mail at: [goobers@paulbunyan.net](mailto:goobers@paulbunyan.net)

Infants and Toddlers: Phil Grove

Preschool / Kindergarten: Margaret Krome and Lee Greenler

Early Elementary: Matthew Roy and Mary Trainor

Older Elementary: Jane Schallert and Dave Chakoian

Young Teens: David Abazs and Lorna Zach

Older Teens: Dave French and Cathy Nagler

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**  
**Northern Yearly Meeting – Wisconsin Lions Camp – May 25-28, 2007**

**Registration Encouraged by May 4 (postmark)**

Please return your registration form with full payment to the registrar: Will Stites; 425 Bukolt Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481; 715-345-7065; e-mail [wstites@charter.net](mailto:wstites@charter.net)

**The registration deadline** gets vital planning information to the Lions Camp staff. We want to see you at Yearly Meeting, and will do our best to accommodate late or even on-site registrants. But we cannot guarantee housing and meals will be available to those registering after the deadline.

**Name (just one, please)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Meeting affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_

**NYM prints a list of session attenders that is available to all NYM Friends. May we print all your information?** \_\_\_\_\_ **If not, please check the items that you want us to withhold: EXCLUDE MY:**  
**Address**  **Phone**  **Email**  **Name**

**HOUSING PREFERENCES**

Cabins: Men only \_\_\_\_\_ Women only \_\_\_\_\_ Couples / families \_\_\_\_\_ Teen \_\_\_\_\_ Young Adult \_\_\_\_\_

I want to be in a cabin with this person: \_\_\_\_\_

Tent \_\_\_\_\_ RV \_\_\_\_\_ Motel (you arrange) \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION**

*For minors attending without a parent or guardian*

Minor (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Attending sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian (name, address, phone(s))  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company  
\_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies / other medical information  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*My child has my permission to attend Northern Yearly Meeting under the supervision of the above named sponsor. I hereby give my consent to emergency medical care or treatment to be used only if I cannot be reached immediately.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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