

Northern Yearly Meeting 2009 Session -- May 22-25
at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin.
The wooded camp surrounds a small lake and has modern, accessible facilities.

--- Please register by May 10 ---

Please Note: The session registration form is a separate sheet in the middle of this mailing. In addition, if you wish to participate in the Cooperative Simple Foods, please tear off the last page of this mailing, fill it out, and mail it with the general session registration.

THEME

Friendship

Come to NYM session to explore the theme of Friendship. Join us in the blessed community and drink deeply from the shared waters of Faith, Community and Love. We'll join positive energies – from the friendly greeting to the Frisbee games. We'll laugh, play, sing, dance, dine, and worship with each other in myriad ways, enjoying the beautiful natural setting of the Wisconsin Lions Camp.

We'll explore many facets of Friendship in our plenary and our workshops. This will include examining some of the tensions in historical and current Quakerism. On the one hand, we thirst for the strong communities that make our Quaker practices thrive. On the other, we avoid conflict, and have our own history of exclusion and marginalization.

We'll hear about some of this tension, as presented in the new book *Fit for Freedom, Not Friendship*; and we'll learn some new models of conflict resolution for Friends.

Friday night's opening intergenerational event will bring us together after our travels, and introduce us to each other and the theme. As always at Session, some interest groups may be surprises, not known by any until you offer them!

Queries for NYM Annual Sessions

To encourage Friends to explore Friendship both before and during NYM session, both in worship and out, we offer the following queries:

- What common impulses bring a person or group of people into Friendship? What can we do within a community of F/friendship that we could not do outside of it?
- In your Quaker community, what does it mean to be inside or outside the web of friendship? In what ways do we insure that none of our community members are left out of this web?
- If you have ever felt marginalized in your Quaker community, what did you do? How did others respond? What happened? Was that marginalization transformed? What did you and other community members learn?

PROGRAM

Friends will be welcomed Friday night by a brief orientation for our community, including an intergenerational All Gathering Welcoming and Fellowship. Children and Youth orientations will be held at various times in the evening as indicated on the schedule below.

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.

Plenary

Saturday night, Friends are invited to join a stimulating speaker presentation about the theme.

Worship Sharing, Workshops and Interest Groups

Worship Sharing will be available each morning beginning at 7:45 am. Friends are invited to facilitate workshops that are related to our theme. Friends who want to share an interest or non-theme related presentation can post a sign up for an interest group when arriving at session. If you would like to facilitate an afternoon workshop, please contact John Greenler (608-873-0637/john@zephyrfarm.com) before May 10.

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 on Sunday afternoon will provide talented Friends more time to demonstrate their skills. If there is something that will 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 with adult leaders for each age group (described later in this brochure).

Afternoons

Games, crafts, and waterfront activities will be offered during the afternoon workshop sessions on Saturday and Sunday. During this period, parents are solely responsible for their children.

Evenings

Friday evening's welcoming event is intergenerational. During Saturday's Plenary there will be a campfire followed by Vespers which 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. Then after dinner there will again be 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, carry trays for those who cannot carry their own, and help clean

up children's program rooms at the end of Annual Session. 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 Health Center, 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.

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, Carl Houtman (choutman@wisc.edu; 608-251-4719). 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 Lions Camp offers staff-supervised climbing tower and challenge course activities. The camp will offer one of these Saturday and one Sunday during the early afternoon, as announced. These activities are available at no charge to NYM attenders 12 years of age and older.

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.

We have a small number of single rooms available to us this year. We are offering them to those with a specific medical need for a private room. These rooms do not have private baths. If you would like to be considered for one of these rooms, please contact Mary-B. Newcomb (n52.maryb@gmail.com / (218) 724-6141). Please register by the May 10 deadline if you want to be considered.

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

The Ramada Inn is easily accessible at the north end of Business 51 in Stevens Point. Their phone number is 800-998-2311. Please make your reservations in advance.

What to Bring

Cabin lodgers: there are closets for each bed, which may be padlocked if you provide a lock. Friends may bring their own bedding, or use camp-supplied 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. Tennis courts are 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 10.

2. Cooperative Simple Foods

Cooperative Simple Foods (CSF) is a community of Friends at NYM Session who prepare and eat together a simple whole foods menu. The cost is \$2-3 sliding scale per person per meal for the food, PLUS \$10 per adult for the weekend to pay the Lions Camp for kitchen rental. To register for this meal option, please fill out the Cooperative Simple Foods registration form and write a SEPARATE check payable to Joan Francis for the CSF total. Enclose these when you mail your completed Session registration form and payment to Session Registrar Will Stites. For more information, call Joan Francis: 608-735-4408.

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.

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.

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 pm-Memorial

Young Teens (teens, parents / sponsors, teen leaders)—Friday, 9:15-10:00 pm—Trailblazers & Pioneers Cabin

Older Teens (teens, parents / sponsors, teen leaders)—Friday, 9:15-10:00 pm—Lumberjacks & Frontiers Cabin

Please indicate the appropriate age group for children on the registration form based on their age and/or grade. Teens who wish to be placed in a program other than the one suggested for their age/grade must consult with the C & Y coordinator before registering (phone number below).

Children will join All Gathering Worship on Saturday at 8:45 and 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, Margaret Krome (608-238-1440 / mkrome@sbcglobal.net). 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 – up to age 3)

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 – ages 3 through 5 or 6)

Structured activities, free play, and snacks during morning meetings (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.). Please bring sunscreen 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, potentially including an off-site exploration. One cabin will be designated a young teen cabin, and two overnight Friendly Adult Presences (FAPs) will stay in the cabin each night.

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 exploration, plus, of course, quality time to spend

with other Quaker teens throughout the weekend. One cabin will be designated an older teen cabin, and two overnight Friendly Adult Presences (FAPs) (in addition to the teen group leaders) will stay in the cabin each night.

NYM C&Y Program Staff Leaders

Coordinator: Margaret Krome (608-238-1440 / mkrome@sbcglobal.net)

Infants and Toddlers: Phil Grove	Older Elementary: Jane Schallert, Logan Colby
Preschool / Kindergarten: Lee Greenler, Linda Hall	Young Teens: Paula Rogge, Mary Klos, Dave Chakoian
Early Elementary: Cathy Nagler, Shel Gross	Older Teens: Dave French, Donna Kolaetis

REGISTRATION

Registration will occur in the camp dining hall on Friday, May 22, from 3–6 pm & 7-9 pm, 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.

Check In

Check in will occur in the camp dining hall on Friday, May 22, from 3–6 pm & 7-9 pm, and at other times as posted at the registration table. When you check in you will find out about lodging and obtain a camp map. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for worship sharing, workshops and interest groups, and to volunteer.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY – Registration (3-6 pm & 7-9pm). Dinner (5:30-6:30 pm and for late arrivals until 7:30 pm). Children and Youth Orientations at various times in the evening (Please see times listed under Children & Youth Program.)
All Gathering Welcoming & Fellowship (7:45-9:00 pm).

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 am	Breakfast	Worship Sharing	7:15 am	Breakfast	Worship Sharing	7:15 am	Breakfast	Worship Sharing
7:45 am			7:45 am			7:45 am		
8:30 am			8:30 am			8:30 am		
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 – 12:30pm Meeting for Business			11:30 – 12:30 pm Meeting for Worship		
12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch			12:30 – 1:30pm Lunch			12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch		
1:30 – 3:30 pm Work-Shops		Inter-generational Activities	1:30 – 3:30 pm Workshops		Inter-generational Activities	<u><i>Children & Youth</i></u> Saturday: begin at All Gathering Worship (8:45) and end at 12:30 Sunday: 8:30 – 12:30 Monday: 8:30 – 12:30		
3:30 – 5:30 pm Free Time			3:30 – 5:30 pm Talent Show					
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 pm Plenary		Campfire	7:00 pm SOS		Campfire			
8:30 pm 9:00 pm			8:30 pm 9:00 pm Reports					
9:30 pm on Singing, Dancing		9:30 pm on Singing, Dancing		9:30 pm on Singing, Dancing				

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Directions To Camp

From Stevens Point, WI go east on Hwy 66. (The route to Lions Camp is marked with obvious highway signs.) Follow 66 about 15 miles to Rosholt. About one mile east of Rosholt, turn north on County Hwy A. Go north on A just over one mile. Lions Camp is on the left.

From the east, take Hwy 49 north from Waupaca, through Iola, to intersection with Hwy 66. Go west on 66 about 3/4 mile. Turn north on County Hwy A. Go north on A just over one mile. Lions Camp is on the left.

Cooperative Simple Foods Registration Form

Cooperative Simple Foods provides an alternate Session dining option. CSF is a community of Friends at NYM Session who prepare and eat together a simple whole foods menu planned to feed every participant well. The cost is \$2-3 sliding scale per person per meal for the food, PLUS \$10 per adult for the weekend to pay the Lions Camp for kitchen rental. All participate in meal preparation and cleanup. Work schedules are planned for minimal conflict with the Session program. For more information, call Joan Francis: 608-735-4408

Do NOT use this form to register for Camp-prepared meals served in the main dining hall.

CHECK OFF MEALS NEEDED

NAME	FRI		SAT			SUN			MON		TOTAL # MEALS	TIMES PER MEAL CHARGE	= FOOD COST PER PARTICIPANT
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* Sliding scale: you choose what you can afford, \$2 to \$3 per meal.

	Total Food Cost	
MAIL this Cooperative Simple Foods registration and payment, along with your completed Session registration form and payment, to: Session Registrar Will Stites 425 Bukolt Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54481.	Camp kitchen use fee	TOTAL # ADULTS x \$10 = TOTAL KITCHEN FEE
	Cooperative Simple Foods TOTAL	
	(Total Food Cost + Total Kitchen Fee)	

Please write a SEPARATE check, payable to Joan Francis, for exactly this amount.

DO NOT include this amount in the check you write to NYM to cover your other registration costs.

Please tell us about your food needs and preferences:

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& the Spring Executive Committee Minutes. Please sort it out according to the page numbers