

Welcome to Summer Sessions!

We have taken this year's theme from a well known quote by George Fox, "This is the word of the Lord God to you all, a charge to you all in the presence of the living God; be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come; that your life and conduct may preach among all sorts of people, and to them."

Fox implored us to preach with our "life and conduct." It is what we do, and how we do it that carries the presence of God among us and reveals it to others.

Please join us as we explore this theme, and together become examples and patterns of the Living Spirit.

NYYM Summer Sessions is a wonderful opportunity for worship and work, relaxation and fellowship — in a place of safety, trust, loving care, and renewal. Quakers and friends of all ages gather together for this week-long residential program — an immersion experience in the practical and worshipful application of the testimonies of the Religious Society of Friends in every aspect of our lives.

Please Join Us In This Living Community of Friends!



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New York Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions

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Silver Bay Association, Silver Bay, NY

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The May issue of NYYM's newsletter, *Spark*, has the complete information on our Summer Sessions. If you did not receive a copy of *Spark* in the mail, your nearest Monthly Meeting has extra copies. But here is just a hint of what....

NYYM Summer Sessions Is...

- ✦ Meeting for Worship
- ✦ Junior Yearly Meeting
 - ✦ Worship with Attention to Business
 - ✦ Laughter on the Inn Porch
 - ✦ Worship Sharing Groups
 - ✦ Committee Meetings
 - ✦ Ice cream at the Store
 - ✦ Coordinating Committee Meetings
 - ✦ Hiking to Jabe's Pond
 - ✦ Intergenerational discussions and games
 - ✦ Intergenerational Bible Study
 - ✦ The Lake! Swimming, boating, and ducks!!
 - ✦ Our Plenary Speaker
 - ✦ 12 Step Programs
 - ✦ Opening Worship, Cafe Night, and Fun(d) Fair
 - ✦ The Healing Center
 - ✦ HUGS!
 - ✦ And so SO much more and more....



Junior Yearly Meeting

Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) is our opportunity to create and deepen our experience of the Light within us all — learning from and learning with the young people of New York Yearly Meeting.

The morning sessions are designed to create a quality, caring program for the Yearly Meeting youth, newborn through the age of 18 — a program that settles the JYM participants into small groups following the traditional school-age grades, and includes age-appropriate discussions, worship, committees, and of course, a few games and songs.

JYM youth are of course welcome to join in on any of the activities offered outside of JYM sessions!

Financial Assistance Is Available

No one should stay away from NYYM Summer Sessions over financial concerns. The Equalization Fund was created specifically to help ensure that everyone who wants to attend, can! Simply read over the Financial Assistance section in *Spark*, follow the instructions, and then fill out the request section at the bottom of the registration form. Scholarships typically provide adults and children with up to one-third the cost of the lowest-priced housing, but may provide more depending on the needs of the individual or family.

Participant Expectations & NYYM Agreements

Gathering together at Summer Sessions is an opportunity to live the experiment of creating the blessed community. Like any community, we have agreements that guide our behavior toward each other and towards the whole body — ensuring safety and comfort for all of us. By registering for Summer Sessions, Friends are endorsing these agreements and we are all, younger and older, expected to abide by them. Parents are asked to speak with their youngsters about their behavior and adults are asked to take the agreements seriously.



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