

Northern Yearly Meeting 2019 Session -- May 24-27

at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin.

--- Please register by May 1---

Theme Speaking with a Holy Voice – Using Human Words to Communicate Divine Truth

PROGRAM

Plenary *Spirited Communication* Fundamental to Quakerism is a belief that each of us can have a direct relationship with God. When gathered, our individual gifts, wisdom, and ability to discern God's will are amplified. Yet perceived differences in thinking, feeling, or ways of being can impede communication, and thus community. Having taught about communication in academic, clinical, and spiritual settings for several decades has yet to make Pamela Minden an expert communicator. She nonetheless invites us to explore together an approach to communication informed by Quaker faith and practice, and scientifically substantiated. The hope is participants will be inspired to create and try some simple strategies that foster the understanding and connection upon which community is predicated.

Workshops

Workshops have a leader and begin with a presentation that addresses issues of personal spiritual growth, building the Meeting community, and social action. Four workshops each day are scheduled for 1:30-3:30 Saturday and Sunday. Submit workshop proposals to coordinator **Robin Fox** (foxqx001@umn.edu, 651-642-9118). The proposal deadline is April 20. The workshop schedule will be announced May 1.

Interest Groups

Interest groups are a group of Friends getting together around an issue or activity. Friends who want to share an issue or activity can post a sign-up sheet on the tables at the front of the dining hall when arriving at the Session, with details of who, what, when and where. Groups generally meet during free time (3:30-4:30) on Saturday and Sunday. The initiator makes the info/signup sheet and picks the location from a list of available locations.

Talent Show

The Talent Show on Sunday afternoon from 3:30-5:30 will provide talented Friends time to demonstrate their skills. Bring your instrument or props! Sign up happens at the Session.

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Worship

Early Worship

6:30 - 7:30 each morning there will be an opportunity for worship with attention to our connection to the Earth, held outdoors if weather permits.

Worship Sharing

Worship sharing is an opportunity for deep sharing and a way to make spiritual ties to new Friends. We encourage all Friends to commit to a worship sharing group at registration. Groups will meet in the morning from 7:45 - 8:30 am, in the afternoon from 4:45 – 5:30 pm or in the evening from 9:15 – 10:00 pm.

Meeting for Worship

On Saturday morning our whole community, including children, will gather for worship from 8:45 – 9:45. On Saturday and Sunday, we will gather for unprogrammed worship prior to Meeting for Business, and on Monday we will end our Meeting for Business with worship. Sunday's Meeting for Worship will be a structured Memorial Meeting.

State of Society Reports

NYM is comprised of many monthly meetings and worship groups. Join us in an evening of sharing what is going on in those communities. What is life giving in our meetings? Where do we struggle? What kinds of outreach efforts are we making? What efforts have been successful? Advancement & Outreach Committee will organize an evening designed to share information from monthly meetings to the larger body. The State of Society Reports submitted by each Meeting and Worship Group will be posted on the NYM website.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (YAFs)

YAFs will have their own space and housing and plan their own program, beginning with a planning gathering at 9:45pm Friday evening. All YAFs are welcome! Be sure to mark this as your housing preference on the registration form. Contact Molly Grove 612-242-6273(cell), mollyjgrove@gmail.com for information.

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM (C&Y)

Program Coordinator: TBA

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

- *Infants through older elementary* (parents, children, leaders, volunteers) -- Friday, 7:00 pm - Memorial Building
- *Young Teens* (teens, parents/sponsors, teen leaders)—Friday, 9:00 pm – Trailblazers & Pioneers Cabin
- *Older Teens* (teens, parents/sponsors, teen leaders)—Friday, 9:00 pm – Lumberjacks

* Those who arrive too late for the Friday evening C&Y orientation meetings can attend a shorter orientation Saturday morning at 8:15 am in Memorial Building.

Children will join All Gathering Worship on Saturday at 8:45 am and proceed to their groups until 12:30 pm. 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.

Mornings

All children are invited to participate in the morning Children & Youth (C&Y) Program. Participants in the C&Y program have expressed how important their groups are to their feeling of belonging to a community, and central to their experience at NYM. Children are expected to arrive on time and participate the entire morning each day. 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. Any child not participating in the morning program must be with a parent/sponsor and the appropriate age group coordinator must be informed. Friendly coordinators will provide supervision during scheduled morning program times only. All C&Y groups will participate in at least one community service activity during the weekend.

Parents, please bring sunscreen and any special food or equipment your child needs. Thank you for picking up your children on time!

Afternoons

Games, crafts, and waterfront activities are available Saturday and Sunday afternoon. During this period, parents are solely responsible for their children.

Evenings

Friday evening's welcoming event is intergenerational. During Saturday's Plenary and Sunday's State of the Society Reports, there will be a campfire (location TBA) followed by Vespers at 8:30 p.m. in the basement (kindergarten/pre-K room) of Pinewood Lodge. Vespers is a time for parents to enjoy some quiet time with their children before bed. This may include some singing, storytelling, or other quiet activities. Sunday afternoon's talent show is intergenerational.

Infants and Toddlers (IT – up to age 3, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm)

Program Leader: *Phil Grove*

Free play, close adult supervision, and snacks during morning meetings (8:30 am-12:30 pm). Please bring diapers and any special food or equipment your child needs. Mark any loaned books or toys with your name.

Preschool/Kindergarten (PK – ages 3 to 5 or 6, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm)

Program Leaders: *Linda Hall, Cathy Nagler*

Structured activities, free play, and snacks during morning meetings (8:30 am-12:30 pm). Please bring sunscreen and any special food or equipment your child needs. Mark any loaned items with your name.

Early Elementary (EE—Completing Grades 1-3 this spring, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm);

Program Leaders: *TBA*

Structured program of learning activities, snack, games, crafts, and community service.

Older Elementary (OE—Completing Grades 4-6 this spring, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm);

Program Leaders: *Logan Colby and Mary Klos*

Structured program of indoor and outdoor activities, snack, games, crafts, and community service.

Note regarding 6th graders: Because NYM Young Teens retreats that take place throughout the year are open to 6th graders, 6th graders can choose to register EITHER for Older Elementary or Young Teen group.

Young Teens (YT - Completing grades 7-8 this spring, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and overnight from 9 pm – 8:30 am);

Program Leaders: *Seres Kyrie & Mark Helpsmeet*

Structured program with activities that may include discussions of Quaker values and history, arts, drama, crafts, community service, recreation, and sports. This program includes overnights and the morning program. Young teens often choose to continue activities during the afternoon, **under the supervision of their parents**. Parents are responsible to supervise their Young Teens from the end of morning program at 12:30 to 9:00 pm. One cabin is designated as the young teen cabin with two overnight Kindly Adult Presences (KAPs).

Older Teens (OT, Completing grades 9-12 this spring, from 9 pm Friday to 12:30 pm Monday);

Program Leaders: *Cynthia Drake & male leader TBA*

A program with structured and unstructured intervals, ongoing through the weekend. Activities will include workshops, discussion groups, worship sharing, community service and an off-site exploration, plus, of course, quality time to spend with other Quaker teens throughout the weekend. There will be one older teen cabin with the teen group leaders and two overnight Kindly Adult Presences (KAPs) staying in the cabin each night.

Your Child's Age Group & Registration

Parents need to include **grade** and **age** for children **on registration forms** to assist C&Y Program Leaders planning. **Important Note to Parents:** electronic devices are not allowed during community group time and any damage to devices brought to NYM is the individual's responsibility.

LIONS CAMP FACILITY

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 Housing Coordinator. Our session will be concentrated in a compact, flat area with seven miles of hiking trails. There's a lake for boating and swimming; basketball, volleyball & tennis courts; and bike paths (**helmets are required**).

The teen programs may choose to offer staff-supervised climbing tower and challenge course activities on Saturday or Sunday during the early afternoon. Any questions, contact **Bonnie Beverstock** at bbeverstock@uwalumni.com, 608-448-1836 (cell).

Lions 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 pm. **Pets, skateboards, scooters, and inline skates are not allowed at the camp. Helmets are required at all times when riding bikes.**

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR - Carl Houtman Carl can be reached at choutman@wisc.edu (NOT for immediate response) or cell 608-354-4034 (text or voice). The **Lions Camp Facility Emergency phone number - 715-677-4761**. A sheet describing NYM emergency response procedures will be available at the registration desk.

LODGING - Housing Coordinator: Susan Greenler, NYMregistrar@gmail.com, 608-873-2032

Cabins

Camp cabins are all modern with single beds, heat, air conditioning and accessible bathrooms. Small fridges are shared by First Day School programs and cabin residents. Bathrooms are shared with campers.

- Cabins vary in size and accommodate 5, 8 or 10 people per sleeping room. The smallest rooms are generally used by families with young children.
- 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.
- If you would like to be housed with a specific friend or family group, please note that on your registration form. We will do our best to accommodate your requests but space is sometimes limited.
- A small number of single rooms are available to those with a specific medical need for a private room. These rooms do not have private baths. To be considered for one of these rooms, contact the housing coordinator. Please register by the May 1st deadline.

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

Comfort Suites (800-424-6423) - North end of Business 51 in Stevens Point. Reservations are recommended.

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 rent camp-supplied sheets, pillows, and blankets for \$5 for the weekend.** Towels are not provided.

All attendees: towels, flashlights, rain and cool weather gear, insect repellent, sun screen, swimsuit, musical instruments, and songbooks. Bring your own cup if you prefer a larger mug for tea.

FOOD - 3 Options for Meals

1. Camp Meals

Meals will be available in the dining hall from Friday dinner to Monday lunch. There will be a salad bar available for lunches and dinners. All camp meals will include at least one vegetarian option. The camp staff will be ordering food for our session based on our pre-registrations, so please register by **May 1st**.

2. Cooperative Simple Foods (CSF)

Cooperative Simple Foods Coordinator: Joan Francis 608-735-4408

CSF is a community of Friends who prepare a simple 100% peanut free vegetarian and vegan menu. Cost is \$2-5 per person per meal, a sliding scale based on your appetite and ability to pay. All participants are expected to volunteer for preparation or cleanup shifts. To register, check the Simple Foods box on the registration form and enter your payment for each meal. Joan will order food based on pre-registrations.

3. Fasting

A very simple food option: consider a three-day water or juice fast. Those interested may meet at mealtimes for fellowship to share *information, and for spiritual support*. **Bring your own juices. Please obtain any needed medical advice ahead of time. For further information, contact Mark Helpsmeet at helpsmeet@usa.net.**

Snacks

A snack table with beverages and snacks such as peanut butter, jelly, crackers, bread, and fruit will be available in the dining room each day from 6:30 am until 9:30 pm. There are small refrigerators 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 sale.

REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN

Registration deadline May 1 to avoid the late fee

We encourage everyone who is willing, and has access to a computer, to register online. It saves much tallying and transcribing by hand – and, hopefully, will make the process quicker and easier for you. Improvements this year include easier family registration and online payment.

The registration form can be found at the following link:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NYM3/NYM2019SessionRegistration>

Online credit card payment has been added this year. If you pay on line, the card processing fee will be added to your registration total. You may also pay by mailing a check to the registrar.

- 1 This year you can register a family or group together. When you enter the form you will fill out information about the contact person and then fill out the registration selections for that person.
- 2 At the bottom of the form there is a red Add Attendee button you may click to add more people to the group.
- 3 Once everyone in your group is enter you can go on to make adjustment for donations, scholarships, stipends, the introductory discount and late fee and then select a payment option.
- 4 If, for whatever reason, you are not comfortable using the online form – or don't have access to the internet to do this – just fill out and send in the paper form which will be available at your meeting or on the NYM web site.
- 5 Check payments and paper registration forms should be completed and mailed by May 1st. Registrations submitted after May 1 will be charged a \$10 late fee. Please send to the registrar: Lee Greenler, 1720 Tower Valley Rd, Stoughton, WI, 53589, nymregistrar@gmail.com, 608-333-2032.

DISPLAY SPACES

Display space, in the Health Center, will be available for organizations that wish to share materials. To reserve a display space contact Paul Conklin martonklin@alumni.duke.edu, cell 218-760-0986. Unreserved spaces will be available first come, first served.

BOOKSTORE and BOOK SWAP

A selection of books from the FGC bookstore will be available for sale in Memorial Hall. We will again have a space for a book swap. Bring anything you feel other Friends might find interesting.

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 needing assistance, 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.

CARPOOLING Please help everyone get to NYM with the smallest possible use of fossil fuels by sharing rides. No guarantees, but we will do our best to match you up with a ride. Please make your requests **by May 19th. Earlier means a better chance of getting matched up.** Madison-Milwaukee area rides: TBA Twin Cities area rides: Greg Mott 651-646-2007 nym@whitleymitt.net

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Copy machine:** Office copy machine available for 10 cents/copy.
- **Gas Stations/Convenience Stores:** In Rosholt.
- **Lost and Found:** Box will be in Dining Hall.
- **Parking:** Free. Lots are close to central area.
- **Wheel chairs:** Some are available. Please include request on registration form.

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 left (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 right (north) on County Hwy A. Go north on A just over one mile. Lions Camp is on the left.

From the west: Take I-94E past Menomonie. Then exit 52 onto Hwy 29 and proceed to Wausau. Follow Hwy 29 onto US 51 south (4.5 mi.) then follow Hwy 29 off of US 51 toward Green Bay. Continue on 29E (22 miles), turn south onto Hwy 49 (Willow Dr.) At Hwy 66 turn right, then right again onto Cty Rd. A. You'll see the camp sign.

Prepare for Mosquitoes and Deer Ticks to Prevent Diseases, Including Lyme disease

Mosquitoes and deer ticks are present at the Wisconsin Lions Camp as they are in most places in Wisconsin. Deer ticks in this area can transmit Lyme Disease in some cases, so you need to be prepared when you enjoy the camp outdoors. Please consider bringing an insect/deer tick repellent containing up to 33% DEET with you.

The US CDC recommends that you **DO NOT USE A PRODUCT COMBINING A SUNSCREEN AND DEET.** Use separate products. DEET can be used with sunscreen, but it may reduce the effectiveness of the sunscreen. To minimize this effect, apply sunscreen approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour prior to applying the DEET, so that the sunscreen has time to penetrate and bind to the skin. Sunscreen does **NOT** reduce the effectiveness of the DEET. Always use a sunscreen with an SPF appropriate for your skin type, whether or not using DEET. Further instructions on this will be available at Annual Session.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY – Registration from 3-6 pm & 7-9pm. Dinner from 5:30 - 6:30 pm (late arrivals until 7:30 pm). Children and Youth Orientations at various times Friday evening, with a shorter C&Y orientation for late arrivals on Saturday at 8:15 am in Memorial Hall. Young Adult Friends gathering at 9:45 pm **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 – 8:30 am	Breakfast	7:15 – 8:30 am	Breakfast	7:15 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
7:45 – 8:30 am	Worship Sharing	7:45 – 8:30 am	Worship Sharing	7:45 – 8:30 am	Worship Sharing
8:15 – 8:35 am	C&Y Orientation II				
8:45 – 9:45	All Gathering Worship	8:45 – 9:45 am	Memorial Meeting	8:45 – 11:30 am	Mtg for Business
8:45 – 12:30	C & Y Groups	8:30 – 12:30	C & Y Groups	8:30 – 12:30	C & Y Groups
9:45 – 12:30	Meeting for Business	9:45 – 12:30	Meeting for Business	11:30 – 12:30	Meeting for Worship
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 3:30 pm	Workshops	1:30 – 3:30 pm	Workshops		
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Interest Groups	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Interest Groups		
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Free Time	3:30 – 5:30 pm	Talent Show		
4:45 – 5:30 pm	Worship Sharing	5:15 – 6:00 pm	Worship Sharing		
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	Campfire	7:00 pm	Campfire		
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Plenary	7:00 -9:00 pm	State of Society Reports		
8:30 pm	Vespers	8:30 pm	Vespers		
9:15 – 10:00 pm	Worship Sharing	9:15 – 10:00 pm	Worship Sharing		
9:30 pm on	Singing, Dancing	9:30 pm on	Singing, Dancing		

~ Parents, please be on time to pick up your children ~