

COLLEGE PARK QUARTERLY MEETING

CARE FOR YOUNGER FRIENDS

Fifth Month 15-17, 2009, at Ben Lomond Quaker Center

One good reason to hold Quarterly gatherings is to gather together our scattered young people to share the experience of being in a Quaker community. When our children begin to question why is the world the way it is, and what is the place of the Religious Society of Friends in this world, and what is my place in the Society of Friends, then more is asked of us than just gathering. How should we teach what it means to be Quaker to younger children ... to teenagers ... to young adults who have just discovered us? If being a Friend means living our testimonies, how can we live this way every day – not just at Quarterly gatherings – and so be teachers by example?

You are invited to Spring Quarterly Meeting, which will revolve around our theme of Quaker youth and the contribution of our invited guest, Emily Stewart, FGC Youth Ministries Coordinator. The teen and regular programs are combined for all Saturday morning; in the afternoon teens plan to go to the beach. We will have a special session on youth-related issues at the monthly and yearly meeting levels, business meeting, free time, a working group on Web and email communications within the Quarter, the traditional family talent night, worship-sharing and conclude with worship.

REGISTER EARLY: Your registration needs to arrive by **Friday, May 8th**. We have an early bird discount for registrations sent by **Monday, May 1st**. Friends who are not registered by May 8th are still welcome to come, but will have to provide their own food and be prepared to camp. Don't delay! We need to know how many people are coming at least a full week before the meeting for ordering food, arranging accommodations, etc. Check in with the registrar when you arrive.

COSTS: In addition to variable housing and meals, there is a program fee of \$20 for all adults, even day attendees (to pay for meeting rooms, children's program, and overhead). No one is turned away for lack of funds. If you want to come and can't afford it, please call the registrar before the deadline; if you have extra money, make a donation to CPQM to help someone else attend.

HOW TO REGISTER: Registration materials may be obtained from the CPQM representative in your meeting, the CPQM website <http://collegepark.quaker.org/> or the Registrar.

1. MAIL: Fill out the registration form, write a check to "College Park Quarterly Meeting" or "CPQM" and mail to Janet Leslie, 25 Gideon Lane, Chico, CA 95973.

2. E-MAIL: Send the information on the registration form to janles@igc.org (please include "CPQM" in the subject line) and bring a check to quarterly meeting.

3. TELEPHONE: Call Janet Leslie (530-345-3429) with the information from the registration form and bring a check to quarterly meeting.

WHAT TO BRING:

Essentials: Bedding (a pillowcase with either sleeping bag or sheets and blankets), towel, soap, flashlight.

Recommended: Warm slippers and a small throw or afghan if you tend to get chilly while sitting still; a cloth napkin and your own coffee mug to reduce our use of electricity and paper products; good walking shoes for hiking; a small travel alarm to be sure of being on time for morning activities. If you are camping, we recommend a tent in case it rains.

No pets are allowed at Quaker Center. The only exception is for working companions of the disabled. Please respect Quaker Center's noise curfew. All conversations must be indoors after 10:30 PM and before 7:00 a.m. You can receive phone calls at the telephones near Orchard Lodge: (831) 336-9665 and Redwood Lodge: (831) 336-9666. In an emergency call the Quaker Center Office: (831) 336-8333.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS:

Please complete Medical Information forms for each child or teen under 18 when you arrive.

Children's Program is for children up to 12 years of age. Parents are expected to either sign their children into the care of the Children's Program or have them in their own care. Children who are in the care of their parents need to be directly supervised by a parent. As we are trying to build community among the children, please try to have your child signed into the Children's Program for as much of the weekend as possible. If your child needs to be away from the program for any reason please offer specific boundaries that do not include the play area designated for the Children's Program.

Teens (ages 13-17) should check in at the Orchard Lodge dining hall. The Teen Program will include a combination of fun activities, interest groups, and worship-sharing, as well as supervised group sleeping arrangements. Those participating in the group sleeping arrangements should be sure to bring a camping pad, sleeping bag, and pillow. Teens will be expected to either participate in the teen program during the times it is in session or to be under the supervision of the parent, guardian or adult sponsor.

DIRECTIONS TO QUAKER CENTER: visit their Web site at www.quakercenter.org or call 831-336-8333, mail@quakercenter.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

CPQM Clerk: Eric Sabelman, 650-322-2455, esabelman@aol.com

Registrar: Janet Leslie, 530-345-3429, janles@igc.org

Children's Program: Lisa Hubbell, 510-528-2468, lhubbell@sonic.net,
or Lisa Rose, 530-272-7493, lisar@woolman.org

Teen Program: Mary Miché, 707-263-6663, marymiche@jps.net

Arrangements: Jeff and Kathy Richman, 831-422-8184, richman@redshift.com

Transportation & carpools: Ray Rischpater <kf6gpe@mac.com>