



Northern Yearly Meeting 2024 Annual Session

May 24-27

at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin
3834 County Road A, Rosholt WI 54473

--- Please register by May 1---

Inward Guidance, Outward Action

What do we mean by “inner guidance” and “leadings”? What do they actually look like and how can we know if they’re real? How can we cultivate openness to inner wisdom and nudges from the Spirit? How does the inner life manifest as an outer life?

Kat Griffith will share stories from her spiritual journey -- from voices to mandalas, from dreams to butt-kicking failures, from deafening God-silences to startlingly specific commands, and life-changing moments that came as the smallest and gentlest of nudges.

Along the way, the outward fruits of these inner moments reveal themselves -- sometimes as taking-to-the-streets activism, sometimes in the form of healed relationships, and sometimes simply in a new capacity for joy, for connection, and for finding meaning in struggle.

In small discussion groups, guided by queries, we will explore the theme by sharing our experiences and challenges. Sharing with community is part of the process of leadings becoming action!

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PROGRAM

Virtual Annual Session

Business Meeting and the plenary will be hybrid. Small groups for virtual attenders will be with other virtual attenders via Zoom. Afternoon and evening opportunities are still being explored. Registration is required.

Plenary

Saturday morning we begin with a presentation of the theme by Kat Griffith. We then go directly to our small groups to introduce ourselves and discuss the theme.

Small Groups

Adults are assigned to a group of around eight Friends who meet three times over the weekend, during times when the children are in their programs. Discussion topics will be suggested to deepen conversations about the theme. Another goal is providing a way to make spiritual ties to new Friends.

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 Annual Session, with details of who, what, when and where. Groups meet during free time on Saturday and Sunday. The initiator makes a signup sheet with description and picks the location from a list of available locations.

Talent Show

The Talent Show on Sunday afternoon from 4:00-5:15 will provide talented Friends time to demonstrate their entertainment skills. Bring your instrument or props! Sign up happens at Annual Session.

Art Gallery – For All Ages

Share your talents with others by bringing your original art to display in the NYM Art Gallery! Bring up to two pieces of art, such as paintings, photos, drawings, textile, sculpture, pottery, etc. Please let Alan Smith know the items and sizes that you will bring (example: a photo 12"x16" and a bowl, 12".) Attach your name and a way to contact you on each artwork. Send details about your pieces and questions to Alan alanchristophersmith@gmail.com.

Parent Support Group

Parenting can be a hard and sometimes lonely task! This support group is for parents who would like to share the joys and challenges of parenting children up through the tween years. We'll have some queries that have proven helpful in other Quaker parent support groups, but those in attendance can steer the conversation where they need it to go. Facilitators: Kat Griffith and Phil Groves. Saturday 4:30–5:30, childcare provided. Sunday 9:45–10:45am, children are in their programs.

State of Society Reports

Via Zoom the weekend before Annual Session, Sunday, May 19, 6:30–8:00pm. The meetings and worship groups comprising NYM share reports on their struggles, joys, activities, and spirit. See www.northernyearlymeeting.org for more information. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522373448?pwd=c2d4T3BtNDhvbkJQWlhldDZWeTI1UT09>

Finance Committee, Budget Review

A “deep dive” into the details of the NYM budget is scheduled via Zoom for Sunday, May 19, 1:00-3:00pm. See www.northernyearlymeeting.org for more information. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82870760052?pwd=Z2tZ Y0hVUXIXeDVBdmtLdmVPYUFFUT09>

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.

Meeting for Worship

On Saturday morning our whole community, including children, will gather for unprogrammed worship at 8:45. The children will depart for their programs after 15 minutes, while adults continue. Sunday's Meeting for Worship will be a structured Memorial Meeting to remember Friends who have died in the past year. On Monday we will end our Meeting for Business with worship.

All-Day Worship

A quiet worship space allows you to drop in for spiritual refreshment at any time over the weekend.

Afternoon Worship

3:00 Saturday and 4:00 Sunday -- if you'd like an opportunity to ground your mid-day.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (YAFs)

YAFs will have their own space and housing and plan their own program, beginning with a planning gathering at 8:45pm Friday evening in the dining hall. All YAFs are welcome! Be sure to mark this as your housing preference on the registration form.

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM (C&Y)

Program Coordinators: Alan Smith

alanchristophersmith@gmail.com and *Becky Marty*
beckymarty@outlook.com.

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

- *Infants through older elementary* (parents, children, leaders, volunteers) -- Friday, 6:30 pm
- *Young Teens* (teens, parents/sponsors, teen leaders)—Friday, 8:45 pm
- *Older Teens* (teens, parents/sponsors, teen leaders)—Friday, 8:45 pm

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. Program leaders 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.

Afternoons

Games and waterfront activities are available Saturday and Sunday afternoons. During this period, parents are solely responsible for their children (except during the parent's meeting.) Sunday afternoon's talent show is intergenerational.

Parents have an opportunity to discuss raising Quaker children, Saturday at 4:30. (Also Sunday morning at 9:45.) Childcare will be provided for this.

Evenings

Friday evening's welcoming event is casual and intergenerational. Saturday and Sunday feature a campfire starting at 7:00 (location TBA) followed by Vespers at 8:30 pm 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.

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.

Infants and Toddlers

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

Program Leader: Sue Franke & TBA

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: Sita Diehl & Greg Mott

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: George Wortz & Megan Whitney

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: Wina Mortensen and Kathleen Plunket-Black

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: Mark Helpsmeet & Rick Juliusson

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, Linda Hall, & Crystal Wirtz

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.

LIONS CAMP INFORMATION

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 or concerns, please contact NYM's Housing Coordinator. Our session will be concentrated in a compact, flat area with seven miles of hiking trails. Available activities: boating, swimming, biking, basketball and volleyball (balls available). Note: Bike **helmets are required.**

Any questions, contact **Dave Minden**
dwminden@gmail.com 608-444-0967 (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.

Camp Address, Directions

Wisconsin Lions Camp is at 3834 County Road A, Rosholt WI 54473. We hope you have a cell phone voice guiding you! Directions are available on the NYM web site.

LODGING

Housing Coordinator: Lissa Field,
NYMregistrar@gmail.com, 920-851-2865

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 C-pap/snorers.
- 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 throughout the camp. The point overlooking the lake has pit toilets close by. Showers and flush toilets can be used at any cabin. RVs are allowed, with electrical hookups available at additional charge (see registration form). Waste/water hookups are not available for RVs.

Off-site Accommodations

Hotels are available in Stevens Point. One is Comfort Suites (800-424-6423 or 715-496-2007). 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, sunscreen, swimsuit, musical instruments, and songbooks. Bring your own cup if you prefer a larger mug for tea.

FOOD - 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 \$3-10 per person per meal, a sliding scale based on your appetite and ability to pay. **All participants must volunteer** for preparation or cleanup shifts. CSF work signups occur when you arrive at camp, at the registration table. Note: You may have to give up another activity to complete your work. 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 Bring your own food

There are small refrigerators shared by many people in every cabin for snacks, meds, or small quantities of foods. Bring a cooler or shelf-stable food if you are bringing your own meals.

4 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

For everyone! 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. This is available to all, regardless of meal plan, paid by your camp use fee.

REGISTRATION

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. If you plan to attend online only, you still need to register. Online credit card payment is available. If you pay online, the card processing fee will be added to your registration total. You may also pay by mailing a check to the registrar, see final step below.

- 1 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 entered you can go on to make adjustments for donations, scholarships, stipends, first-time attender discount and the 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 – ask a Friend or your meeting's representative to NYM to key in your choices or to print the registration form for you (8 pages).
- 5 Check payments and paper registration forms should be completed and mailed by May 1. Registrations submitted after May 1 will be charged a \$10 late fee. Please send to the registrar:
Molly Grove
3139 Girard Ave S. Apt. 10
Minneapolis MN 55408
nymregistrar@gmail.com
612-293-8436

Use this link if you are planning to attend **IN PERSON**:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NYM3/NYM2024RegistrationForm>

Use this link if you are planning to attend online, **REMOTE ONLY**:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/NYM3/NYM2024RemoteSession>

QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS DISPLAY & FAIR

Display space will be available for organizations that wish to share materials and we will have a set time for everyone to gather, visit and share. To reserve a display space contact Becky Marty beckymarty@outlook.com cell/text 218-766-6699. Unreserved spaces will be available first come, first served.

BOOK SWAP

We will again have 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, carry trays for those needing assistance, help clean up children's program rooms at the end of Annual Session, and more. 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.**

Twin Cities area rides: "Kelly" Kelly 651-246-6717 stpaulvoice@gmail.com

Madison area rides: Julia Isaacs 703-350-1922 jbixleri@aol.com

LION'S CAMP INFORMATION

The Lions Camp Facility Emergency phone number - 715-677-4761. A sheet describing NYM emergency response procedures will be available at the registration desk.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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 a range of tick-borne diseases including Lyme Disease, 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.

FRIDAY

3:00 – 10:00 pm	Registration
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner (late arrivals until 7:30 pm)
6:30	Parents Orientation for age 0 to Older Elementary, Memorial Building
7:00 – 8:30	Welcome & Fellowship
8:45	Teens and Parents Orientation, Younger or Older Teen Cabins
8:45	Young Adult Friends planning, Dining Hall

SATURDAY

All day	Quiet worship space is available in lower Health Care Lodge
6:30 – 7:30	Early Worship
7:15 – 8:30	Breakfast (hot food available starting at 7:30)
8:15	makeup Children and Parents Orientation
8:45 – 9:15	All-Gathering Worship (children leave at 9:00 with their group leaders)
... till 12:30	Children & Youth Groups – in classrooms
9:15 – 10:50	All-Gathering Theme: together then into small groups
11:00 – 12:30	Business Meeting
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch
After lunch till dinner:	Free time: walks, visiting, displays from Quaker organizations, interest groups, NYM Art Gallery, naps.
1:30 – 4:00	Waterfront open: Swimming and Boating
2:00	Tour of camp, meet at lion's mouth drinking fountain outside dining hall.
3:00 – 3:45	Worship available in lower Health Care lodge
4:30 – 5:30	Parents Support Group, childcare available
4:30 – 5:30	Quaker Organizations Fair. Come and learn what's happening with organizations that share our values.
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner
7:00 on	Campfire, Dancing, Singing, Games, dining hall discussion topics, free time
8:00	Nightingales singing in Eyeglass Building
8:30	Vespers, for settling down small children

SUNDAY

All day	Quiet worship space is available in lower Health Care Lodge
6:30 – 7:30	Early Worship
7:15 – 8:30	Breakfast (hot food available starting at 7:30)
8:30 – 12:30	Children & Youth Groups
8:45 – 9:45	Memorial Meeting for Worship
8:45 – 9:45	Parents Support Group
10:00 – 11:30	Meeting for Business
11:45 – 12:30	Small Groups
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
After lunch till dinner:	Free time: walks, visiting, displays from Quaker organizations, interest groups, NYM Art Gallery, naps
1:30 – 3:30	Waterfront open: Swimming and Boating
4:00 – 5:15	Talent Show
4:00 – 4:45	Worship available in lower Health Care lodge
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner
7:00 on	Campfire, Dancing, Singing, Games, dining hall discussion topics, free time
8:00	Nightingales singing in Eyeglass Building
8:30	Vespers, for settling down small children

MONDAY

All morning	Quiet worship space is available in lower Health Care Lodge
6:30 – 7:30 am	Early Worship
7:15 – 8:30	Breakfast (hot food available starting at 7:30)
8:30 – 12:30	Children & Youth Groups
8:45 – 9:45	Small groups
10:00 – 12:30	Meeting for Business
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch, with take-away option
CLEAN UP CABINS AND CAMP	

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