



# **Northern Yearly Meeting 2025 Annual Session**

## **May 23-26**

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

**--- Please register by May 1---**

## ***Becoming the Quakers the World Needs***

### ***How is God Calling Me to Use My Gifts in a Challenging Time?***

Quakers have a history of being agents of change and harbors of stability. Being a Quaker is a marathon not a sprint, and the arc of our work can take generations. Grounded in the legacy of Quakers, together we will explore ways to stay strong while following God’s leadings to provide support and change in today’s world.

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## **PROGRAM**

### ***Plenary***

Saturday morning we begin with a presentation of the theme. The 2025 theme is “Becoming the Quakers the World Needs.” We then go directly to our small groups to introduce ourselves and discuss the theme.

### ***Small Groups***

Adults are assigned to a group of six to 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. The small groups are your 'home base' for the weekend, a way to get to know a few other people more fully! Friends who can only attend Annual Session for one or two days will be grouped together.

### ***Virtual Annual Session***

Business Meeting and the plenary will be hybrid. The small groups for virtual attenders will be via Zoom. Afternoon and evening opportunities are still being explored. Registration is required. Unlike 2024, the virtual small group is not “drop-in.” To foster group cohesiveness, a commitment to attend all three small group meetings is strongly encouraged.

### ***Interest Groups***

Interest groups are a group of Friends getting together around an issue or activity. Friends who want to share an interest can post a sign-up sheet on the tables at the front of the dining hall, with details of who, what, when and where. Groups typically meet during free time in the afternoons on Saturday and Sunday but can happen anytime that a space is available. The initiator makes a sign-up sheet with description and picks the location from a list of available locations. Sample titles of past groups: “Update on the FWCC World Gathering in Kenya,” “Climate Crisis and Quaker Earthcare Witness,” “Update on El Salvador Yearly Meeting,” and “Traveling in the Quaker Ministry.”

### ***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](mailto: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 Grove. Saturday 4:30–5:30 pm (childcare provided) and Sunday 9:45–10:45 am (children are in their programs). Come either day or both days.

### ***Quaker Organizations Display & Fair***

National and local Quaker organizations will display materials about their goals and programs. On Saturday late afternoon, representatives from these organizations will visit with us, answer questions, and present what we are calling “Fox Talks,” similar to Ted talks. These are short and lively sharings of some of their most poignant stories. To reserve a display space or Fox Talk time, contact Becky Marty [beckymarty@outlook.com](mailto:beckymarty@outlook.com) cell/text 218-766-6699. Spaces are available first come, first served.

### ***Book Swap and Listening Library***

Hundreds of free books and CDs! The former NYM library is being disbursed, including classic Quaker books and well-known authors. Also many books from Northern Spirit Radio on topics of activism

and spirituality, and CDs of music from the show. A CD player will be available for listening before choosing. Get them while you can, any remnants will be trashed. Feel free to bring your own relevant books to swap.

### ***NYM Bylaws Update — May 13***

Over the years, some of NYM's practices have changed such that we are not in compliance with our bylaws. An ad hoc committee has studied this and recommends changes to our bylaws. A dive into the details happens via Zoom on Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 pm. For more information and links, go to:

<https://northernyearlymeeting.org/bylaws-deepdive-may13/>

### ***State of Society Reports — May 18***

Via Zoom the weekend before Annual Session, Sunday, May 18, 6:30–8:00pm. The meetings and worship groups comprising NYM share reports on their struggles, joys, activities, and spirit. For more information and links, go to:

<https://sessions.northernyearlymeeting.org>,  
password: quaker2025

### ***Finance Committee, Budget Review — May 18***

A detailed review of the NYM budget (aka “deep dive”) is scheduled via Zoom for Sunday, May 18, 1:00-3:00pm. For more information and links, go to:

<https://sessions.northernyearlymeeting.org>,  
password: quaker2025

### **COST of ATTENDANCE**

Virtual attendance via Zoom has a suggestion donation of \$15 - 25. You do need to register to attend remotely.

The cost of coming to the Lion's Camp and attending in person varies, depending on the choices you make for housing and food. The least expensive housing option is to stay in a tent, \$10/night. Cabin beds are \$25/night. Children are free in a tent, kids under 13 can sleep on the cabin floor for free with a paying adult.

Meals are chosen individually, and bringing your own food is an option. The Simple Foods group has a sliding scale, \$6 to \$10 per meal but you need to

participate in meal preparation or cleanup. The maximum cost for eating every meal in the dining hall is \$84. Children have reduced meal costs.

There is a session fee of \$36. In summary, a minimum weekend cost for an adult in a tent is \$56 plus food. A maximum cost for cabin and full meal plan would be \$200.

Finances are not a reason for anyone to stay away. Through the generosity of Friends, we have been able so far to maintain a very liberal scholarship policy: grant yourself whatever amount you need in order to attend.

Links to the registration forms are near the end of this brochure.

### **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.

#### ***Saturday***

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 - Memorial Meeting for Worship***

Sunday's Meeting for Worship will be a structured Memorial Meeting to remember Friends who have died in the past year.

#### ***Monday***

On Monday we will end our Meeting for Business with worship.

#### ***All-Day Worship***

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

***Afternoon Worship, Saturday and Sunday*** -- an opportunity to ground your mid-day.

### **YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (YAFs)**

YAFs may have their own space and housing if enough YAFs request this as their housing preference on the registration form. (Note: Lions Camp is now charging per building, so cabin registrations need to cover the cost of the cabin, and YAFs are not guaranteed their own cabin.) YAFs have the opportunity to plan their own program at 8:45 Friday evening in the dining hall. All YAFs are welcome!

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAM (C&Y)**

C&Y Coordinators: Alan Smith  
[alanchristophersmith@gmail.com](mailto:alanchristophersmith@gmail.com) and Becky Marty  
[beckymarty@outlook.com](mailto:beckymarty@outlook.com).

**Volunteers Needed** Some age groups still need assistant leaders, all age groups need helpers, and the teen groups need adults to sleep overnight in the teen cabins. If interested, contact the named group leaders or program coordinators Alan or Becky listed above.

**Your Child's Age Group** Parents need to include grade and age for children on the registration forms to assist C&Y program leaders planning. If this needs clarification or discussion, contact the C&Y coordinators.

**Cell Phones** All electronic devices, including phones, **are not allowed** during C&Y program time unless there is a special need. If there is a special need, the parent or guardian needs to make arrangements with the program leaders or C&Y Coordinators ahead of time. Any damage to devices brought to NYM is the individual's responsibility.

**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 are encouraged to 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 Coordinators. Any child not participating in the morning program must be with a parent/sponsor and the appropriate age group leader must be informed. Program leaders will provide supervision during scheduled morning program times only.

### ***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.

### ***Evenings***

Friday evening's welcoming event is casual and intergenerational. Saturday and Sunday feature a campfire starting at 7:00. Younger children are quieted down after a while with quiet singing and storytelling to help prepare them for bedtime. After that, things generally get rowdy again.

### **Parents:**

Parents have an opportunity to discuss raising Quaker children, Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 9:45 am. See Parent Support Group description above under "Programs."

## **Infants and Toddlers**

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

Program Leader: Sue Franke

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 Leader: Sita Diehl

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, and crafts.

**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 Leader: Matt Sanderson

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 Leader: Cynthia Drake

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.

## **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 nearby. Available activities: boating, swimming, biking, basketball, pickleball, tennis, and volleyball (balls and racquets available). Note: Bike helmets are required. The Lions Camp Facility Emergency phone number - 715-677-4761. A sheet describing NYM emergency response procedures will be available at the registration desk. Directions to Camp are available at the NYM website.

Any questions, contact Dave Minden  
[dwminden@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:NYMregistrar@gmail.com), 920-851-2865

### ***Cabins***

Lions Camp provides rooms with large numbers of beds in them, with two to several rooms in each heated/ air-conditioned building. Accessible bathrooms serve many rooms. Though privacy is minimal, the opportunities for living in community abound! Families will be placed one to three per room, depending on family size. Middle schoolers

and high schoolers may opt to sleep in their group's cabin. Young adults will be grouped together if requested, and with enough signups they will have their own cabin.

Camp cabins are all modern with single beds, heat, air conditioning and accessible bathrooms. Small refrigerators are shared by First Day School programs, cabin residents, and campers. 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.
- A women-only cabin will be available. Families are grouped together when possible.
- If you would like to be housed with a specific friend or family group, both of you should so indicate on your registration form. We will do our best to accommodate your requests but space is sometimes limited.
- **Single Rooms:** A SMALL number of spartan single rooms are available in the Health Lodge for those with specific MEDICAL needs for a private room. Bathrooms are shared. To be considered for housing in one of these rooms, please contact the housing coordinator (contact info above) and register prior to May 1. Those attendees desiring more privacy may consider tenting, RVing or a nearby hotel.

### ***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 in 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 715-544-0048). 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.

### ***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: Greg Mott 651-646-2007  
[greg@whitleymott.net](mailto:greg@whitleymott.net)

Madison area rides: Here's a spreadsheet to sign up to [take riders, or take a ride!](#)

### ***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 near the registration area.
- d. ***Parking:*** Several parking lots are close by. No fee for parking.
- e. ***Wheelchairs:*** Some are available. Please include request on registration form.

### ***INSECT PESTS***

#### **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 including Lyme Disease. Please come prepared with appropriate protections so you can enjoy the camp fully. Additional information about tick diseases and suggested protections can be found at, <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/tickborne/prevention.html> and will be available at Lions Camp.

## **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 \$6-10 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.

### **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

***Registration is on-line only.***

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

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NYM3/NYM2025RegistrationForm>

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

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NYM3/NYM2025RemoteSession>

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

- 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 - personal information, housing, and meals - 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.
- 4 Registration should be completed May 1 to allow us to accurately plan our programming, food and facility use. Registrations submitted after May 1 will be charged a \$10 late fee.
- 5 You may pay with a card when you register, mail a check to the registrar, or pay by card, check or cash when you check in at Lions Camp. Credit card payments will be charged a 2.9% processing fee.

Mail checks to:

Matthew LaWall-Shane

2214 N 71st Street

Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Any questions about housing or registration can be emailed to [nymregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:nymregistrar@gmail.com)

You may contact the housing coordinator Lissa Field at 920-851-2865

or co-registrar Matt LaWall-Shane at 414-418-2286

or co-registrar Paul Conklin at 218-760-0986

**Northern Yearly Meeting Annual Session**  
**May 2025 SCHEDULE at Lions Camp in Rosholt, WI**

<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>SUNDAY</b>	
3:00–10:00 pm	Registration	All Day	Quiet Worship
5:30-6:30	Dinner (Late arrivals until 7:30)	6:30-7:30 am	Early Worship
6:30	Parent Orientation (Age 0 to Older Elem)	7:15-8:30 am	Breakfast (hot food starts at 7:30)
7:00	Get-Acquainted Fun – Intergenerational	8:30- 12:30	Children and Youth Programs
8:45	Teens and Parents Orientation	8:45-9:45	Memorial Meeting for Worship
8:45	Young Adult Friends Planning	8:45-9:45	Parents Support Group
<b>SATURDAY</b>		10:00-11:30	Meeting for Business
6:30-7:30 am	Early Worship	11:40-12:30	2nd Small Group Discussions: <i>Becoming the Quakers the World Needs</i>
7:15-8:30 am	Breakfast	12:30	Parents Pick up children
8:15	Children & Parent Orientation (Make up)	12:30-1:30	Lunch
8:45-9:15	All-Gathering Worship	1:00-5:00	Free time for walks, book swap, NYM Art gallery, naps, swimming, boating, etc
8:45- 12:30	Children and Youth Programs	4:00-5:15	Talent Show
9:15-9:45	All-Gathering Theme Keynote	5:30-6:30	Dinner
9:50-10:50	1st Small Group Discussions: <i>Becoming the Quakers the World Needs</i>	7:00 and on	Campfire, Singing, Games, Dancing
11:00-12:30	Meeting for Business	<b>MONDAY</b>	
12:30	Parents Pick up children	All Day	Quiet Worship
12:30-1:30	Lunch	6:30-7:30 am	Early Worship
1:00-5:00	Free time for walks, talking, Quaker Org displays, NYM Art gallery, book swap, naps, swimming, boating, etc	7:15-8:30 am	Breakfast (hot food starts at 7:30)
3:00-4:00	Worship	8:30- 12:30	Children and Youth Programs
4:30-5:30	Parent Support Group	8:45-9:45	3rd Small Group Discussions
4:00-5:30	Quaker Organizations Fair: Learn about groups that share our values!	10:00-12:30	Meeting for Business
5:30-6:30	Dinner	12:30-1:30	Lunch, with take-away option
7:00 and on	Campfire, Singing, Games, Dancing		Camp clean up

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