



Northern Yearly Meeting 2026 Annual Session
May 22-25

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

--- Please register by May 1---

Courage in Witness, Stronger Together
How do we partner to make change in the world as Quakers?

Quaker spirituality and action is inherently collective. It is something done in community and through partnership. In these times of crisis and violence, we will explore together how we each can seek clearness to engage more deeply and effectively in action and partnerships to witness and do what must be done for justice, peace and healing.

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PROGRAM

Plenary

Saturday morning we begin with a presentation of the theme. The 2026 theme is “Courage in Witness, Stronger Together.” We then go directly into small groups to 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, worship, and the plenary will be hybrid. The small groups for virtual attenders will be via Zoom. Some afternoon and evening opportunities are still being finalized. Registration is required, and the virtual small group is not “drop-in.” To foster group cohesiveness, a commitment to attend all three small group meetings is strongly encouraged.

Quaker Organizations Display & Fair

National and local Quaker organizations and affiliates will display materials about their goals and programs. On Saturday late afternoon, representatives from these organizations will visit with us and answer our many questions. and many will present what we are calling “Fox Talks”, see below. To reserve a display space, email or text Becky Marty beckymarty@outlook.com 218-766-6699 or Emily Scott emily.susann@gmail.com; 507-304-2713.

Fox Talks

Last year, we experimented with 8-minute “Fox Talks,” a Quaker version of a Ted Talk. For these, many representatives from Quaker organizations shared a short, lively, meaningful story. This year, given our unsettled times, we will have Fox Talks focused on our theme. Presenters will share how

they personally or their organization have engaged in a Spirit-led manner with the theme. National Quaker organizations will use many of the Fox Talk times, but a limited number are available to NYM attenders.

If you are Led to consider giving a Fox Talk, please contact Becky Marty (beckymarty@outlook.com; 218-766-6699) or Emily Scott (emily.susann@gmail.com; 507-304-2713) to let us know of your interest as well as noting that when you register. Your registration confirmation will provide a link where you can request to give a Fox Talk. Slots available for these talks are limited, so we strongly encourage you to register early.

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, listing leader, topic, day and time, and location. Available locations come from a list in the dining hall. Signups are not necessary but help publicize the group. Groups typically meet during free time in the afternoons on Saturday and Sunday but can happen anytime. However, they will compete with other scheduled events, and probably other interest groups.

Interest groups can be registered in advance, although it is not necessary. Registered groups with similar topics will be told about each other. There will be a link in the confirmation email sent out after registration, click on it for further explanations.

Table Topics

There is another way to share your passion or concern. During afternoon or evening free time, or even during meals, anyone can host a discussion in the dining hall by writing their topic on a placard (available at the registration table) and placing it on a table. See who joins you!

Book Swap

If you have books of interest to Quakers that you'd like to pass on, a table in the corner of the dining hall will be designated as a book swap. Check out the offerings!

Talent Show

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

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. Kat Griffith facilitates. Saturday 4:30–5:30 pm (childcare provided) and Sunday 8:45–9:45 am (children are in their programs). Come either day or both days.

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.

Finance Committee: Budget Review — May 17

A detailed review of the NYM budget (aka "deep dive"). Via Zoom, on Sunday, May 17, 4:00 pm - 5:30. For more information and links, go to: <https://sessions.northernyearlymeeting.org> password: quaker2026

State of Society Reports — May 17

Via Zoom on Sunday, May 17, 6:30 pm - 8:00. 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: quaker2026

COST of ATTENDANCE

Virtual attendance via Zoom has a suggested 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 or non-electric RV, \$10/person/night. Cabin beds are \$28/night. Children are free in a tent, kids under 13 can sleep on the cabin floor for free with a paying adult (bring bedding and sleeping pad for the youth).

Meals are chosen individually, and bringing your own food is an option. The Simple Foods group has a sliding scale, \$7 to \$11 per meal but you need to participate in meal preparation or cleanup. The maximum cost for eating every meal in the dining hall is \$114. 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 \$234.

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. And thank you to Friends who donate a bit extra to help support those who need scholarships. We want all to feel welcome.

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

WORSHIP

Morning Program Worship

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.

Afternoon Worship, Saturday and Sunday

An opportunity to ground your midday.

All-Day Worship

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

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.

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 and Becky Marty
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 a 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 orientation regarding younger children are encouraged to attend a shorter orientation Saturday morning at 8:15 am in Memorial Building.

Those with teens need to talk to the program leader when the teen joins the group.

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 evenings 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 "Program."

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 for supervising 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: Linda Hall and Adam Hanson

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 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, basketball, pickleball, tennis, and volleyball (balls and racquets available). Note: If you bring a bicycle, 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.

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: Aimee McAdams, NYMregistrar@gmail.com, 612-205-8582

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, and if enough register for it, they will have their own cabin.

All camp cabins are 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 and register prior to May 1.
- Those attendees desiring more privacy may consider tenting, RVing or a nearby hotel.

Camping and RVs

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. Note: Camp only supplies one rental blanket, bring extras if you get cold at night. Towels are not provided.

Campers: It can get very cold at night! Check the forecast for Stevens Point, be prepared.

All attendees: towels, flashlights, rain and cool weather gear, insect repellent, sunscreen, swimsuit, musical instruments, and songbooks. Bring your own mug if you want to use it outside the dining hall.

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.

If you could take a shift hosting Zoom for remote attenders, please check "yes" on your registration form. Both in-person and virtual attenders can help with this and are much needed. Our tech coordinators thank you.

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 18th. Earlier means a better chance of getting matched up.

Twin Cities area rides: Terry Irish, 651-271-0018, terry7irish@gmail.com

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 15 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 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 \$7-11 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 food. Bring a cooler or shelf-stable food if you are bringing your own meals.

Snacks

For everyone! Beverages and a snack table with 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

Register by the May 1 deadline to avoid the late fee

Registration is online only.

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 credit 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 the 3% processing fee.

Mail checks to:
Matthew LaWall-Shane
2214 N 71st Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NYM3/NYM2026RegistrationForm>

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

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NYM3/NYM2026RemoteSession>

Any questions about housing or registration can be emailed to nymregistrar@gmail.com
You may contact the housing coordinator Aimee McAdams at aimee.mcadams@yahoo.com
or co-registrar Matt LaWall-Shane at 414-418-2286
or co-registrar Paul Conklin at 218-760-0986

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2026 In-Person Schedule at Lions Camp in Rosholt, WI

FRIDAY		SUNDAY	
3:00–10:00	Registration	All Day	Quiet Worship
5:30-6:30	Dinner (Late arrivals until 7:30)	6:30-7:30	Early Worship
6:30	Parent Orientation (Age 0 to Older Elem)	7:15-8:30	Breakfast (hot food starts 7:30)
7:00	Get-Acquainted Fun – Intergenerational	8:30- 12:30	Children and Youth Programs
8:45	Older/Younger Teens w/ Parent Orientation	8:45-9:45	Memorial Meeting for Worship
8:45	Young Adult Friends Planning	8:45-9:45	Parents Support Group
SATURDAY		10:00-11:30	Meeting for Business
6:30-7:30	Early Worship	11:40-12:30	2nd Small Group Discussions (exploring the theme)
7:15-8:30	Breakfast (hot food starts 7:30)	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 including walking, talking, playing, naps & times for swimming, boating, etc
8:45- 12:30	Children and Youth Programs	1:30-3:00	Interest Groups
9:15-9:45	All-Gathering Theme Keynote: Courage in Witness, Stronger Together	2:30	Even More Fox Talks Short Quaker “Ted Talks” from a number of great orgs!
9:50-10:50	1st Small Group Discussions: Exploring the theme <i>Courage in Witness, Stronger Together</i>	4:00-5:15	NYM Talent Show
11:00-12:30	Meeting for Business	5:30-6:30	Dinner
12:30	Parents pick up children	7:00 and on	Campfire, Singing, Games, Dancing
12:30-1:30	Lunch	MONDAY	
1:00-5:00	Free time, walking, talking, Quaker Org displays, NYM Art gallery, naps, swimming, boating, etc	All Day	Quiet Worship
2:00-3:00	Interest Groups	6:30-7:30	Early Worship
3:00-4:00	Worship	7:15-8:30	Breakfast (hot food starts 7:30)
3:45-5:00	Quaker Organizations Fair	8:30- 12:30	Children and Youth Programs
4:30-5:30	Parent Support Group	8:45-9:45	3rd Small Group Discussions (exploring the theme)
5:00-5:45	Fox Talks Short Quaker “Ted Talks” from a number of great organizations!	10:00-12:30	Meeting for Business
5:30-6:30	Dinner	12:30-1:30	Lunch, with take-away option
6:45-7:30	More Fox Talks		Camp clean up
7:00 and on	Campfire, Singing, Games, Dancing		Travel safely!