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Spirit Woven in Our Lives: a Tapestry of Light Advanced Program & Registration Form

SAYMA Yearly Meeting

Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina

Thursday June 11 to Sunday June 14, 2009

Dear Friends,

As our SAYMA community gathers once again at yearly meeting in June 2009, we will be exploring how our Quaker testimonies and revelations of Spirit are interwoven in our daily practice. As a weaver and knitter I know that each thread and stitch is essential to the integrity of the fabric. As we spend these days together Warren Wilson College, we hope each person will be encouraged by the words and actions of others. Of course, I've also had plenty of experience with holes, mistakes, or dropped stitches! We are never perfect, but it is my hope that we will leave yearly meeting feeling re-woven and whole.



The texture and color of our experiences at yearly meeting is so varied: in the bookstore, in the display area highlighting Quaker organizations, in Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM), in Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF), in Young Adult Friends (YAF), in workshops, worship, business sessions, shared meals, worship sharing and free time with new Friends as well as renewed friendships. We hope you won't miss ANY of it, and that you spread the word about past experiences you have had at SAYMA.

Our Thursday plenary features Quaker Quest exercises under the guidance of Jane Berger of Friends General Conference (FGC) and Friday Bridget Moix of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) will offer reflections on our theme. On Saturday evening we welcome back Dave McInnes as caller for our Hibbard Thatcher Memorial Folk Dance and Talent Show, with interspersed talent from Friends of different ages.

Friends, come spend a few days with Quakers in our yearly meeting. The Yearly Meeting Planning Committee is sure you will have plenty of fun and that the threads will come together to create a Light-filled, Spirit-led tapestry of experience.

Sincerely,
Barbara Esther, Clerk, YMPC

Registration Deadline

May 10

After that there will be a \$30 late fee.
No dorm rooms can be assigned and no meal tickets can be purchased or changed after 5/31.
To cancel, contact the Registrar ASAP. Only partial refunds can be made after May 31.

April 10 deadline for State of Meeting Reports

How Fares the Spirit Among You?

Email to: AdminAsst@sayma.org

Or mail to: **Judy Guerry**

4035 Knollbrook Dr.

Huntsville AL 35810

Ministry & Nurture will review the reports to prepare for ministering at Yearly Meeting.

Contact

Barbara Esther

at besther@buncombe.main.nc.us

for any of the following...

- reserving space for a **committee meeting** on Saturday at 1:15 or at any other time.
- scheduling the showing of a **video**.
- reserving **display space** for WQOs at Yearly Meeting Central.

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Thursday Schedule

Breakfast 7:15 to 8 a.m. Cafeteria

Check-in begins at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.
Lower level Gladfelter at Meeting Central
See page 9 for hours.

Only informal activities are available
Wednesday evening & Thursday morning.

Lunch noon to 1 p.m. Cafeteria



Opening Worship 1 to 2 p.m.
in Canon Lounge

Meeting for Business 2 to 5 p.m.
in Canon Lounge

Dinner 5 to 6 p.m. Cafeteria

Singing 6 to 7 p.m. on Gladfelter Patio

Worship & Plenary 7 p.m. Canon Lounge

Chat & Chew at Meeting Central 9 p.m.

Late night worship sessions
See schedule at Meeting Central.

Friday Schedule

Early Worship 6:30 to 7 a.m. Pavilion

Breakfast 7:15 to 8 a.m. Cafeteria

Meeting for Business 8 to 10:45 a.m.
in Canon Lounge

Worship Sharing 11 to noon
Locations posted in Meeting Central.

Lunch noon to 1 p.m. Cafeteria

Meeting for Business 1:15 to 2:15
in Canon Lounge

Workshops 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Locations posted in final program.

Dinner 5 to 6 p.m. Cafeteria
in Gladfelter Cafeteria

Singing 6 to 7 p.m. on Gladfelter Patio

Worship & Plenary 7 p.m. Canon Lounge

Chat & Chew at Meeting Central 9 p.m.

Late night worship sessions
See schedule at Meeting Central.

Saturday Schedule

Early Worship 6:30 to 7 a.m. Pavilion

Breakfast 7:15 to 8 a.m. Cafeteria

Meeting for Remembrance
8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Canon Lounge

Meeting for Business 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
in Canon Lounge

Worship Sharing 11 to noon
Locations posted in Meeting Central.

Lunch noon to 1 p.m. Cafeteria

Committee Meetings 1:15 to 2:15
various locations

Workshops 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Locations posted in Final Program.

Dinner 5 to 6 p.m. Cafeteria

Singing from 6 to 7 p.m. on Gladfelter Patio

Hibbard Thatcher Dance & Talent Show
7 to 9 p.m. Pavilion

Chat & Chew at Meeting Central 9 p.m.
Late night worship sessions

Sunday Schedule

Early Worship 6:30 to 7 a.m. Pavilion

Breakfast 7:15 to 8 a.m. Cafeteria

Free Time for Check-out 8 to 9 a.m.

Meeting for Business 9 to 11 a.m.
in Canon Lounge

Closing Worship 11 to noon
in Canon Lounge

Lunch noon to 1 p.m. Cafeteria



The Final Program (the one you pick up at Meeting Central when you register at Warren Wilson in June) will have locations for Workshops and information on late night worship groups.

Meeting Central will list locations for committee meetings, DVD showings, and your worship group assignment, facilitator, and location.

Plenary Sessions

Thursday Night: Jane Berger will lead us in small group exercises drawn from Quaker Quest and other inreach-outreach programs. We will consider how we share the precious gift of Quakerism and how we knit newcomers into our meeting communities. A member of Chappaqua Friends Meeting in New York Yearly Meeting, Jane currently serves as clerk of the Friends General Conference Advancement & Outreach Committee. She travels among Friends with a concern for spiritual hospitality and Quaker advancement.

Friday Night: Bridget Moix will bring us an inspiring message. Bridget leads the Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict program for the Friends Committee on National Legislation and has worked for over twelve years on peace and conflict issues within the U.S. and in international policy areas, including Oxfam America, the Quaker United Nations Office, and the Quaker Peace Center in Cape Town, South Africa. She is a member of Friends Meeting of Washington and Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Saturday Night: David McInnis will once again lead us in the Hibbard Thatcher Memorial Folk Dance & Talent Show. We are repeating the successful format from last year with sessions of dance for all intermingled with sessions of talent. Young Adult Friends is once again taking on the responsibility for oversight of the Talent Show. Get ready and email Elaine Ruschetta at eruschetta@gmail.com if you'd like to share your talent at the show.

Worship at SAYMA

We begin Yearly Meeting with a meeting for worship at 1 pm on fifth day, June 11, 2009. Each meeting for worship with attention to business begins with silent worship and there are daily opportunities to worship in the evening just before the plenary. We will also worship together at the close of yearly meeting at 11 am on first day, June 14.

On Saturday morning, we will remember and hold in the Light Friends who are no longer with us. Please send information about those you wish to remember (name, meeting name, and, if possible, a short paragraph with descriptive information) to this year's worship coordinator:

Ceal Wutka, 4593 High Gate Lane, Lithonia, GA 30038; 770-808-0016; ceal@wutka.com.

There are opportunities to worship in smaller groups each day. Early risers may attend Early Morning Worship on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in the pavilion at 6:30 am. Also any group who wishes may request a space to hold a meeting for worship in the evening after the plenary session. There will be a men's worship group at this time as well as the popular young adult worship group that is attended by all ages. Our worship coordinator, Ceal Wutka, will help you make arrangements for your own group if you wish.

This year worship sharing will be held for a full hour from 11 in the morning until noon on both Friday and Saturday. Queries address this year's theme: *Spirit Woven in Our Lives: a Tapestry of Light*. Please indicate on your registration form if you want to join a Worship Sharing group. This helps us know how many group leaders we will need. If you feel a leading to be one of these group leaders, contact Ceal Wutka. You will find your group listed at Yearly Meeting Central (by the registration table).

Worship Sharing Queries for 2009

Friday:

What is an example of how the Light has been woven into your life?

What are some of the unfinished edges of your tapestry?

What is the thread of Light in you that can be added to the tapestry of your meeting?

Saturday:

How have you experienced the weaving of different kinds of threads in the tapestry of your meeting?

What are the common threads that can unite us in the midst of our differences?:

Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF)

What is SAYF?

SAYF is a program for Young Friends through age 18 who have finished 6th grade. Anyone who has already turned 12, but not yet finished 6th grade, can choose either SAYF or JYM.

Like last year, Middle Schoolers will have a semi-separate program with their own dorm, their own FAPs, and opportunities for separate age appropriate activities, as well as joint activities with the High Schoolers.

All SAYFers may also join the intergenerational community activities offered at Yearly Meeting.

Getting Registered for SAYF

SAYFers have one form to fill out for the SAYMA Registrar and two forms to fill out for SAYF.

1. The SAYMA registration form in this packet must be mailed to the registrar by May 10!
 - High Schoolers may sign up for workshops on Friday and Saturday afternoons, however, there will also be SAYF only options available. If space permits, you will be given a chance to sign up for workshops after you arrive at Warren Wilson.
 - Note: SAYFers make their own breakfast on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings, so do not pay for the community breakfast on those days.
 - If you need a scholarship, apply first to your monthly meeting and then contact Therese Hildebrand. (See contact info below on right.)
 - SAYFers need an adult sponsor who is attending SAYMA. If this is not a parent, identify someone else who will be at SAYMA.
2. The SAYF-at-SAYMA form and a medical form will be mailed to you separately.
 - If you are not yet on the SAYF mailing list, email Therese Hildebrand. The forms are also on the SAYMA website: www.awesomesafers.org.
 - Bring the SAYF-at-SAYMA and medical forms with you to the SAYF dorm.
 - These forms are important. Without the medical form, you can not participate in SAYF activities!

SAYFers arriving at Warren Wilson

First, you must check in at the SAYMA registration desk in Gladfelter Hall to get your conference name tag. Bring that with you to the SAYF dorm together with both the SAYF-at-SAYMA and the medical form.

The SAYF dorm opens on Thursday at 6 p.m. after dinner, however, there will be some informal activities available on Thursday afternoon for SAYFers who arrive earlier. Please do NOT come to the SAYF dorm before 6.

SAYF Schedule

A detailed schedule will be printed in the final program which you will pick up when you check-in.

- SAYFers start each day by making their own breakfast. Lunch and dinner are in the cafeteria.
- Optional activities throughout the day include both SAYF and SAYMA programs.
- SAYFers hold their own worship sharing.
- A roll call before lunch and dinner and dorm roll calls are held each day.
- Special SAYF events:
 - Thursday evening:
 - 9:30 p.m. FAP orientation
 - 10:00 p.m. Nurturing Committee and orientation for Young SAYFers
 - 11:00 p.m. Opening Circle
 - Friday morning: 9:00 a.m. introduction to SAYF at SAYMA
 - Saturday night graduation
 - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Closing circle

Note to Adults about SAYF

Parents or other adults are welcome to observe or participate in SAYF activities. Adult presence is vital for our year round youth program. We especially need volunteers for...

1. overnight supervision in the SAYF dorm. This means staying awake at the dorm for a two-hour shift between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. If you are interested, contact Therese Hildebrand. We really need to hear from you ahead of time so we can plan.
2. running errands to the store on Friday and/or Saturday.
3. swimming with SAYFers in the campus pool on Friday and Saturday.
4. FAP (Friendly Adult Presence) training. See workshop #6 on page 6.

Contact info for SAYF

To volunteer or to ask questions about SAYF please contact:

Therese Hildebrand, Administrative Assistant, at 859-986-5418 or email her at theresehild@yahoo.com

Wren Hendrickson, Head FAP, at 919-490-8950 or email her at wrenhendrickson@AOL.com.

During Yearly Meeting, just come to the SAYF dorm.

Junior Yearly Meeting

Heidemarie and Stephen Feely invite the children of SAYMA to another wonderful gathering of playing, learning and growing together. Let's weave the threads of our own love, peace and joy into the tapestry of community, experiencing that of God in ourselves and in each other!

Weaving the Tapestry of Community: Discovering Ourselves as Children of Spirit

Build community through creative play and imagination. In doing this we will:

- Play community-building, action-filled, cooperative games.
- Learn Quaker His&Herstory and act out their stories.
- Sing, dance and share our stories and testimonies.
- Explore the woods and creek.
- Build shelters and find wild food.
- Help out in a community service project.
- Express ourselves through a community art project.
- Befriend ourselves and each other!



JYM will sometimes split into two age groups this year due to their different needs.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please email Heidemarie at huberfeely@yahoo.com or call her at 931-967-1423 and she will send you the special JYM registration forms your child will need to participate.



Quaker Man wants

YOU!

to join Young Adult Friends (YAF)

Who are YAFs? The SAYMA Young Adult Friends (YAF) is a group of 18-35 year-olds. We are a community of peers who meet for fellowship and fun in an open and trusting environment. We strive to create a safe and sacred space for spiritual growth and provide an opportunity for learning how to build community. We endeavor to provide a meaningful experience from the Quaker tradition. We provide support for the many transitions that we as young adults go through in these stages of our lives and nurture the needs and concerns of this age group within the wider community.

What do YAFs do? We hold a business meeting at SAYMA and 3 additional retreats over the course of the year. At SAYMA we will lead two evening worship sharing sessions, provide Friendly Transportation, host the Saturday night plenary, and continue the tradition of kidnapping SAYF graduates and welcoming them to our community.

SLO Option: In an effort to build our community, YAFs at SAYMA will live together in our own dorm and participate in an additional simple living option (we will cook and eat dinner together on Friday and Saturday night—so if you want to participate in YAF/SLO, don't buy those meals in the cafeteria! Be sure to note on your registration form that you want YAF/SLO accommodations.

Friday Workshops

Workshops #1, #2, & #3 are repeated again on Saturday. Sign up for one. However, #4, #5 & #6 are two-part workshops. Sign up for both. Workshop #7 & #17 are related, attend either one or both.

#1 – 2000 Years Ago in Jerusalem: 8 Piano Pieces About Jesus' Crucifixion **Richard Allen (Atlanta)**

Eight original piano pieces about the week of Jesus' crucifixion: I. Journey, arrival, entrance. II The high priests and the roman governor on thin ice. III. The Passover meal, IV. Gethsemane. V. Torture and crucifixion. VI. Grief, loss, despair, fear, shame. VII. First light of the new week. VIII. "I am with you always." Matthew 28:20.
Music 80-90% Lecture 2% Discussion 5-10%; 60 minutes; all ages *Repeats on Saturday.*

#2 – Seeking the Light through Shamanic Journeying **Lorrie Beavers (West Knoxville)**

A brief overview of Shamanism, focusing on shamanic journeying to explore "non-ordinary reality." Shamans, much like Quakers, are practical people, concerned for the good of the community. We can begin to explore the "mythic" language and experiences arising from underworld journeys and consider ways to translate the non-ordinary, mythic messages to our current lives. This mythic process can expand our exposure to light, further weaving our tapestry of light with Spirit.
Lecture 15% Discussion/Interaction 85%; maximum 25; 90–120 min *Repeats on Saturday.*

#3 – Using Clearness Committees for Personal Discernment **Mary Ann Downey (Atlanta)**

How can we teach Friends the purpose and use of clearness committees so that we help each other heed God's call to right action? We will provide information about the clearness process and offer guidelines for helping Friends.
Lecture 10% Discussion/Interaction 90%; maximum 25; 90–120 minutes *Repeats on Saturday.*

#4 – Part I: Peace Building Within and Without: An Intro to AVP **Caroline Kiev (Nashville)**

We'll learn skills for peace-building and based on the Alternatives to Violence Program. Be prepared for in-depth exploration with like minded seekers. This workshop includes skill-building practice exercises experienced in a nurturing environment.
Lecture 10% Discussion/Interaction 90%; teens & adults; max 20; 120 minutes/day *Part I on Friday; Part II on Saturday.*

#5 – Part I: Interlacing Separate Threads Into a Whole Fabric **Barbara Esther (Asheville)**

Friends will share the significance of handmade items each brings along; and on day 2 will make an amulet as an expression of personal beliefs in creation of a handmade life. Participants should bring a handmade item and can bring yarn or thread, beads, shells, bells or other objects to use in the amulet making.
Worship 10% Lecture 10% Interaction 80%; maximum 15; 60-90 minutes *Part I on Friday; Part II on Saturday.*

#6 – Becoming a Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) for SAYF **Cathi Watkins (West Knoxville)**

A Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) assists the youth of SAYMA (ages 12-18) in Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) to hold retreats during every school year. This workshop comprises training for FAPS: what SAYF is, how retreats work, what FAPs do, safety & transportation. Attend the first session to learn about SAYF, both sessions to become a FAP.
Worship 20% Lecture 20% Discussion/Interaction 60%; 90–120 minutes *Part I on Friday; Part II on Saturday*

#7 – Tell Us Who You Are: Sharing our Ethnic Identities **Karen Morris (Atlanta)**

How do you identify yourself racially/ethnically? Culturally? How has your sense of race/ethnicity or culture changed over time? In this workshop we will explore our ethnic and self identities. Understanding your own ethnic identity is a step in learning to respect the Spirit in ourselves and others and to work within the multi-cultural tapestry of our world.
Worship 5% Lecture 10% Discussion/Interaction 85%; 75–90 minutes *Friday only; see related topic on Saturday*

#8 – How should Quakers respond to Israel/Palastine? **Tony Bing (Earlham)**

Several members of Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting who have lived and worked in the Middle East will briefly discuss the historical role of Quakers in Palestine and Israel, what Quakers are currently doing there, and explore ways of being more effective agents for change and reconciliation both in the US and in the Middle East.
Worship 10% Lecture 15% Discussion/Interaction 75%; maximum 20; length 75–90 minutes *Friday only*

#9 – Quaker Quest **Jane Berger (FGC)**

We'll learn about this dynamic new outreach program from England. Quaker Quest presents the Quaker way as a spiritual path for our time: simple, radical, and contemporary. Its powerful inreach component deepens and strengthens meetings as Friends prepare to articulate their faith for newcomers.
Worship 10% Lecture 30% Discussion/Interaction 60%; 90–120 minutes. *Friday only*

#10 – Ritual, Meaning, and Openness or How I Cope with Cancer **Mark Waugh (West Knoxville)**

Using my journey coping with cancer I will illustrate ways to encounter, process, and enrich life when facing serious existential crises. Ritual, meaning-making and openness to life are highlighted through personal examples. The role of Spirit underpins the themes and examples offered.
Lecture 75% Discussion/Interaction 25%; 75–90 minutes *Friday only*

#11 – Book Discussion: *Held in the Light* **Anne Morrison Welsh (Swannanoa)**

Anne Welsh will share her story of "Held in the Light: Norman Morrison's Sacrifice for Peace & his family's journey of healing." We'll explore themes of peacemaking, forgiveness, healing, being led, and "held in the Light."
Worship 15% Reading 50% Discussion/Interaction 35%; teens & adults; 75–90 minutes *Friday only*

Friday workshops continue on next page.

#12 – Gathering Deeper**Ceal Wutka (Atlanta)**

In Pendle Hill pamphlet #366, "Invitation to a Deeper Communion," Marcelle Martin talks of "Friends gathering in worship for an extended period, without any agenda but to be taught by God." Thus, He will be the true leader of this workshop and we shall sit in silence in His presence for nearly two hours. This is an opportunity to experience a worship that is not cut off just as it begins to feel truly deep. Because it would be disruptive to have people continually leaving, please plan to stay for this period of time. The pamphlet quoted above is recommended reading beforehand if you have never had this experience.

Worship 97% Lecture/questions 3%; 120 minutes

Friday only

#13 – The Climate Project: Stewards of Our World**Byron Sandford (Washington, D.C.)**

Using Quaker Testimonies, we'll discuss the science of how the Earth is warming and changing; the effects of global warming, and practical approaches to slow and even reverse it. (Byron attended a training session led by Al Gore.)

discussion/Interaction 100%; 75–90 minutes.

Friday only

Saturday Workshops

#14 – Hungry Friends**Shaun Chavis (Birmingham)**

We're going to cook! In this kitchen demo, you'll get some easy recipes and ideas for applying Quaker Testimonies to food choices, while still keeping in mind the realities of a time and budget crunched 21st century lifestyle.

Worship 5% Interaction 95%; ideal size 12; length 90–120 minutes

Saturday only

#15 – North Carolina Friends Disaster Services**Wiley Shore (NCFDS)**

Come learn about the history, funding, and future of North Carolina Friends Disaster Service associated with North Carolina Yearly Meeting (FUM). For about 20 years it has been helping out in disasters from minor repairs to building homes from the ground up. Students from Guilford College often participate. Most recently they were in Jean Lafitte, Louisiana.

Lecture 50% Discussion 50%; maximum 25; 90–120 minutes

Saturday only

#16 – Talking with Words: Disarming Conflict, Recognizing Personal Meaning **Sally MacEwen (Atlanta)**

Meaningful communication happens when both participants in a conversation agree on what their words signify. Conflicts arise in conversations over religion because of unacknowledged assumptions about what a word means. By revealing and exploring the history of words like "Spirit" and "Savior," the workshop hopes to help us communicate better with each other about our faith.

Worship 20% Lecture 30% Discussion/Interaction 50%; length 60--120 minutes

Saturday only

#17 Early Experiences with Race and Racism**Karen Morris (Atlanta)**

"Nobody was born racist. We were taught to be part of a racist system when we were young by people we loved." This workshop will explore our earliest memories related to race through activities, readings and video. Although it is helpful to have taken part one on Friday - # "Ethnic Identity," it is not necessary.

Worship 5% Lecture 10% Discussion/Interaction 85% 75–90 minutes

Saturday only (see related topic on Friday)

#18 – Faith into Action: Spirit-led Lobbying with FCNL**Bridget Moix (FCNL)**

Must we choose between being "activist" or being "spiritual" Friends? Can lobbying really be a spiritual practice? How can our testimonies speak to the social and political problems of our day? Since 1943, the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) has worked in Washington and with Friends around the country to bring Quaker values to bear on U.S. public policy. Bridget Moix, lobbyist with FCNL's Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict program, will lead an interactive workshop on spirit-led lobbying. Participants will explore the connections between our faith and action in the world, learn about FCNL's current work and issues before Congress, and engage in role-playing that emphasizes Quaker approaches to lobbying policymakers and educating others on peace and justice issues.

worship 20% Lecture 10% Discussion/Interaction 70%; maximum 30; length 75-90 minutes *Saturday only*

#19 – From Tightly Woven Rope to Many Threads**Judith Scoville (Nashville)**

What does an Evangelical Preacher, a Quaker in plain dress, a Missionary, and a barefoot Pacifist have in common today in 2009? Join this fascinating fact-filled lecture and discussion on the history of Quakerism through the "Tree of Schisms" to find the answer. We'll look at why and how Friends 'unraveled' into today's four main branches.

Lecture 50%; Discussion/Interaction 50%; 90 minutes

Saturday only

#20 – Experience of the Light Among Early Friends**Mark Wutka (Atlanta)**

Early Friends describe an experience of the Light Within that transforms, heals, guides, strengthens, and unites Friends. We will compare our experiences to those of Friends such as Fox and Penington, and explore new possibilities.

Worship 10% Lecture 60% Discussion/Interaction 30%; maximum 30; 90–120 minutes

Saturday only

#21 – Friends Work in Suchitoto, El Salvadore**Frank Cummings & Bert Skellie (Atlanta)**

Atlanta Meeting has been working with a small community, El Sitio Cenicero, over the last 28 years and Frank Cummings moved to Suchitoto in 2001 to work in youth development. Palo Alto Meeting is also involved.

Lecture 50% Discussion/Interaction 50%; 75–90 n=minutes

Saturday only

Workshop info continues on next page.

Saturday Workshop info, cont.

#22 – Intergenerational games with SAYF and JYM

This year the games will be led by SAYFers. *Interaction 100%; length 1-2 hours.*

Saturday only

See page 6 for descriptions of the following Saturday workshops. Be careful to sign up by the right number:

#2 is Seeking the Light on Friday; #24 is the same workshop repeated on Saturday;

4 is Part I for Peace Building on Friday; #26 is part II for Peace Building on Saturday.

#23 – Repeat: 2000 Years Ago in Jerusalem: 8 Piano Pieces About Jesus' Crucifixion

#24 – Repeat: Seeking the Light through Shamanic Journeying

#25 - Repeat: Using Clearness Committees for Personal Discernment

#26 – Part II: Peace Building Within and Without: An Intro to AVP

#27 – Part II: Interlacing Separate Threads Into a Whole Fabric

#28 – Part II: Becoming a Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) for SAYF

Yearly Meeting Central

The registration desk will be in the same spot this year as last – on the lower level of Gladfelter – and again we are going to gather round it all the WQO displays, bulletins & schedules, an all-day coffee pot, and the payment desk for the book store, as well as Chat & Chew each evening. Books will be displayed in the room just off Yearly Meeting Central where you can browse at your leisure.

You will pick up your program, room key, and name tag (which includes your meal tickets) at Yearly Meeting Central. The Registration desk has a cell phone to get in touch with key people around campus. Members of Ministry & Nurture will also be available to help with any concerns you may have.

Emergency numbers

911 works on campus or you can call Campus Security at 828-771-3029.

See also Contact with the Outside World on page 10.

Friends with cell phones may be willing to share. Look for a star on their name-tags.

Friendly Guests at SAYMA

Yearly Meeting gives us a chance to meet visiting Friends from many Wider Quaker Organizations. This year we have invited...

- Bridget Moix, FCNL
- Jane Berger, FGC
- FPT (Friends Peace Teams)
- Chuck Fager, Quaker House

Bookstore

One of the highlights of Yearly Meeting is the SAYMA bookstore. Each year the bookstore coordinators actually haul in around 500 books for Friends to examine. Many workshop presenters have suggested books for the bookstore. We'll also have a sizable selection of books for young people that you can buy for your own children or grandchildren or for your meeting's First Day School. The SAYMA book store accepts cash or checks but no credit cards. We're just not set up for handling electronic transactions!



Our logo for this year is a photograph of a weaving made by Alice Brown and finished by Marcia Master, both of Asheville Friends Meeting. Alice passed away in 2008 leaving us much to remember her by.

Chat & Chew

Chat & Chew is held every evening in Conference Central after the plenary session. If your meeting would like to be a host, please email Carol Nickle at cnickle@knoxjustice.com. Host meetings provide drinks and snacks, as well as paper products for serving – cups, plates, napkins, spoons.

Registering for Yearly Meeting

Your registration form must be postmarked by May 10 to avoid a late fee.

It's best to send a check with your form, but balances can also be paid on arrival.

Contact Adrienne Weir, Registrar, with questions at registrar@sayma.org or adryana.services@gmail.com.

What are my dorm choices?

1. The **SAYF** dorm is for young Friends entering the 7th—12th grade next fall. It opens Thursday at 6 p.m. Early arrivals will stay with parents.
2. A simple living option (**SLO**) is available for the first 20 adults who request it.
3. Young Adult Friends (**YAF**), roughly 18-35, can choose to be housed together and participate in an SLO option for YAFs only.
4. All others specify General (**GEN**). If you have breathing, allergy or mobility problems or need to be near a handicapped-equipped bathroom, let us know under "Special Needs" section G.

What is the Simple Living Option?

SLO means access to a shared kitchen for cooking dinner on Friday & Saturday evenings. You will need to bring plates, utensils, and food. Do not sign up for supper in the cafeteria those evenings.

May I camp out? Only at nearby campgrounds:

- Asheville-East KOA – 4 miles from campus; 828-686-3121
- Mama Gertie's Tent Campground – 3 miles from campus; 828-686-4258.
- Miles Motors RV Campground – 3 miles from campus; 828-686-3414.

What should I bring?

Dorm rooms are bare and no toiletries are provided. Bring sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels. Linen packets may be rented for \$17/person, but they must be ordered ahead of time.

You may also want to bring: mattress pad, cloth napkins, reading lamp, clock or clock radio, fan, hair dryer, clothes hangers, as well as a swim suit, hiking or rain gear and a sweater.

Key Deposit Bring a \$5 dollar bill with you to leave with the registrar for each key you will need.

Scholarships: Please apply first to your monthly meeting early enough so you can send the check with your registration form. If you need additional support, fill in that amount under "Summary of Fees" on the registration form. You may also want to see page 10 for suggestions for volunteer opportunities and indicate your choices in section F.

Saving on Meal Costs: They cost less if you pay for them when you register. Breakfast \$4.25, lunch \$5.50, dinner \$6.75 ordered ahead of time. (Breakfast \$4.25, lunch \$6, and dinner \$8 at the door.) Kids pay less. See Registration form.

How do I get to Warren Wilson College?

Warren Wilson College is 8 miles east of Asheville just off I-40. If you are coming from the east, south, or west, take I-40. From the north, take I-26S to I-240E, then take exit 9 onto I-40E.

Get off I-40 at exit 55, turning back under the interstate to get to US Highway 70. Turn right on US 70, go 1.5 miles and you will see a large green highway sign for Warren Wilson College. Turn left at the stoplight 0.3 miles beyond the sign, go 1.5 miles through a residential area, then through a field, across a small stream, and onto the campus.

The main entrance is the second entrance on the right. Proceed past the library, then left and up to a small parking area. Note there is a handicap ramp on the left which provides access to the lower level of Gladfelter.

The bus station is in downtown Asheville; the airport is 10 miles south. If you need pickup from either, let us know under "Special Needs."

Checking in at Warren Wilson

Registration will be in the lower level of Gladfelter for the entire conference. This is where you will pick up your keys, conference name tags, meal tickets, and programs.

Registration hours:

Wednesday: 4:30-5:30 and 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30; 1:45 to 7 p.m. 9 to 10 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to noon; 6 to 7 p.m.; 9 to 10 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and by appointment.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 am and 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

Parking: You may stop near Gladfelter just long enough to check in. About a dozen spaces reserved solely for SAYMA attendees will be clearly marked and handicapped spaces are available throughout campus. Overnight parking is available behind Kittredge Theater, and across the highway from main campus with safe access via the pedestrian bridge. There are a half dozen handicap parking spaces directly behind Sunderland.

Early Check-in: Yearly Meeting gets underway at 1 p.m. on Thursday with opening worship; however, dorm rooms and meals will be available beginning Wednesday evening to accommodate Friends traveling long distances.

Cancellations: Let the registrar know as soon as possible if you have to cancel. Full refunds can not be made after May 31: for info see email addresses above.

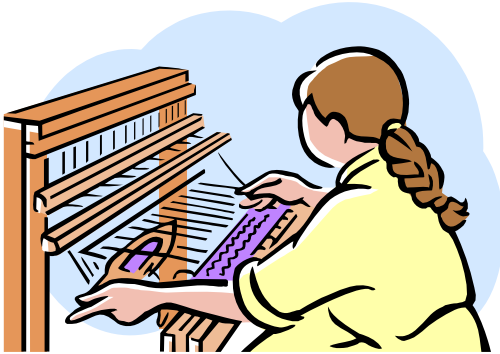
Check-Out: Everyone must be out of their rooms before noon on Sunday. If you are checking out earlier, please make special arrangements with the registrar .

Yearly Meeting Expectations

We are a community of Friends living in the discipline of the Spirit. Attendees of all ages are asked to consider what level of conduct is appropriate to Friend's principles. Remember that our individual actions will reflect on the Religious Society of Friends. Parents and sponsors should plan to be actively responsible for their children at all times. Please read and follow the policies of Warren Wilson College for the use of their campus.

Campus Policies

1. Smoking on the main part of campus is restricted to one of four smoking structures.
2. Treat college property with care and respect. Conferees will be responsible for payment for property that is damaged, lost, or stolen.
3. All college-furnished equipment must be left in the room or facility where it was found.
4. Use of "controlled substances" drugs, firearms, fireworks and candles is illegal on campus.
5. No gambling is permitted on the property.
6. No pets are allowed on campus



Volunteer opportunities

- Contribute to our scholarship fund. We rely on the Spirit to match contributions with requests for support. Amazingly it often works out just right.
- Volunteer to help with SAYF. See page 4.
- Join in JYM activities. See schedule on page 5.
- The bookstore needs help at the payment desk.
- Help the registrar especially on Thursday when so many of us are checking in.
- Make runs to the airport or bus station in town.
- Run errands for business meeting.

To volunteer for any of these tasks, please sign up on the registration form, section F.

Email registration

It is possible to register by email this year. Those who attended Yearly Meeting last year will automatically get an email request to register this year. If that doesn't include you, you can send a message to the registrar at adryana.services@gmail.com and request one.

Earth-Friendly Travel to reduce out-of-pocket expense, air pollution, & global warming gases:

Bill Reynolds will provide an information exchange for those seeking or offering ride sharing to Yearly Meeting. Email him at cisland@aol.com or call him at (423) 624-6821. If you are driving, let him know where you are leaving from, when you expect to depart, and how many spaces you have. If you want to "hitch a ride" tell him where you leaving from, when you want to depart, and how many are in your party. He will let you know of any matches that are sent to him.

Many Friends are now bringing mugs and cloth napkins to use in the cafeteria to reduce paper waste.

Choosing Workshops and Signing up for Worship Sharing:

Choose just one workshop for Friday and one workshop for Saturday. Each workshop begins at the same time: 2:30 p.m. but the length may vary.

Attendance in some of the workshops is limited and will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Sign up by number in section F.

Also let us know in section F whether or not each YM attender you list will be participating in Worship Sharing on Friday and Saturday from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. A list of Worship Sharing groups and their locations will be available at Conference Central during Yearly Meeting.

Contact with the outside world

- **Cell phones** work okay on campus, although reception may be spotty depending on your provider.
- **Internet access** is available in every dorm room. There is also a public computer in Gladfelter and several in the library, but library hours are limited.

Land-lines on campus

- **Outgoing calls:** Gladfelter has two local phones on the lower level; calling cards can be purchased at the Campus Store.
- **Incoming calls:** During the day from Wednesday through Friday outside callers can leave messages at (828) 298-3325; on Saturday at (828) 771-2071; after hours and on Sunday call Campus Security at (828) 230-4592. You may pick up your messages at the registration desk.

The registration form is attached here at the back. It is an excel file and it prints in landscape format. The two pages of the registration form should be printed front and back.