Call to Junior Yearly Meeting 2015

Dear Junior Yearly Meeting Attenders,

Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) 2015 is just around the corner, and all of us from the JYM planning committee are interested in having you join us! While there is a general age limit (grades 9-12 are recommended), attendance is based primarily upon maturity level and self-readiness. So don’t hesitate to ask your parents, anyone on the JYM planning committee, or even other Quakers familiar with the program about registering for JYM, the Middle School program, or as a Young Adult Friend.

This summer, Pacific Yearly Meeting is taking place at Walker Creek Ranch from July 13 thru 18, so mark your calendars now! JYM is an opportunity to build long-lasting friendships and a strong community with other teens as well as the Friendly Responsible Adult Presences (FRAPs) who stay with us.

Should you have concerns about your parents not being able to attend and/or money issues, chances are you may still be able to attend. There is a lot of financial aid available, as well as possible help from both your monthly and yearly meetings. If your parents are not planning on attending, don’t count yourself out! There are Quaker adults who would be happy to sponsor you for the duration of JYM. Ask an adult you trust or someone from your Meeting who is attending and able to sponsor, or feel free to ask our JYM adult co-clerk, Steve Leeds, if you need help finding a sponsor.

Junior Yearly Meeting is a welcoming self-led community where we, along with the FRAPs, decide our own values and expectations; these accommodate both parental concerns and what we expect from one another. The week is filled with games, worship sharing, taking part in a service project, community night, transformative workshops, creative expression, and a huge dance party!

If all this sounds something like you’d enjoy, don’t wait another second!

See you there!

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