January 9, 2016

Dear Friends

Quaker Oaks Farm Spring Service Learning Camp is a vibrant partnership of QOF, PYM Youth Programs and local Native People. Together, Native and Quaker youth and adults learn about the traditions of the Wukchumni and other Native Americans as well as Quakers, while reflecting on our own life experience and having fun. As we work together, we learn from and about each other. We are building the foundation of right relations with Native People here in California. **Please join us in supporting this exciting and deeply Spirit led work.**

Camp is a wonderful experience for young people in so many ways. Here are a few of the take home lessons from Spring Service Learning Camp in the words of teens who attended in 2015:

**One thing I will do differently at home because of what I learned at camp:**
- “Try to be more comfortable opening up to other people.”
- “Speak more, be more respectful, and enjoy life more.”
- “Be more spiritual and have more self-worth.”
- “Find more time to really appreciate nature.”
- “Be more independent on my life choices.”
- “Put myself out there more.”
- “Respect my family.”

To see and hear about camp in the words of the youth, see our 8 minute video on youtube created by Genevieve Kules and the youth at [https://youtu.be/RG2f8vGdC0g](https://youtu.be/RG2f8vGdC0g).

We had such fun and learned so much together!

**Do you know a Quaker teen who might be interested in attending Camp March 22-26 2016?**
Please share the information and registration form with middle or high school age youth who might be interested. Registration information can be found at QuakerOaksFarm.org [https://quakeroaksfarm.wordpress.com/service-camp-registration/](https://quakeroaksfarm.wordpress.com/service-camp-registration/)

**Can you help sponsor a youth to attend?**

We offer camp on a sliding scale fee understanding that historic injustices have lasting consequences for many Native families. Money should not prevent any youth from attending. The cost of camp is kept low by the many volunteers who donate time. Generous support from the Bob Vogel Endowment is greatly appreciated. We need to raise an additional $3,000 to keep camp open to all who wish to attend. Your donation of $300 will cover the cost of one youth to attend, but any amount will make a difference.

**Donations can be easily made via PayPal from our website at QuakerOaksFarm.org or mailed to Quaker Oaks Farm Camp 17216 Ave 296, Visalia CA 93292. Please note Camp in the memo line.**

With gratitude,

Melissa Lovett-Adair, chair
Quaker Oaks Farm