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Dear Friends

In a time of tremendous change and uncertainty, one thing remains constant: the power of personal interaction and experience to impact the life of a young person. As we prepare for our fourth Spring Service-Learning Camp at Quaker Oaks Farm, we are acutely aware of the continued need for positive experience-based learning and relationships. The words of past campers express the power of these experiences:

“I loved camp, it was a beautiful fun bonding experience.”

“I have never felt such a vast amount of love, comfort, joy and sadness in my life, it felt like I had known these girls forever, it was the most beautiful, powerful thing I have ever experienced in my life.”

“It was so amazing words can’t describe the love here.”

In partnership with the local indigenous people—the Wukchumni—and with PYM Youth Programs, our focus this year will be on the land, water and people of this place. We will trace the source of our water upstream and consider how we can all be Water Protectors. We will work together to plant more pollinator habitat here, installing drought-tolerant native plants using a method that campers can easily then do at home. And we will share our histories and love one another across seeming divides, all through fun, interactive activities.

Do you know a teen who might be interested in attending Camp April 10-14, 2017?

Please share camp and registration information with middle or high school age youth (ages 12-18) who might be interested. Register online at [QuakerOaksFarm.org](https://quakeroaksfarm.org)
<https://quakeroaksfarm.org/blogevents/service-camp-registration/>

Can you help sponsor a camper?

We offer camp on a sliding scale fee. Money should not prevent any potential camper from attending. We keep the cost of camp low thanks to the many volunteers who donate time, and we are grateful for the generous support from the Bob Vogel Endowment. 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, and any amount will help.

You can donate via our PayPal link from [QuakerOaksFarm.org](https://quakeroaksfarm.org) or mail a check to Quaker Oaks Farm Camp, 17216 Ave 296, Visalia CA 93292. Please note “Camp” in the memo line.

With gratitude,

Melissa Lovett-Adair, Chair of Quaker Oaks Farm