

**Annual Report to Pacific Yearly Meeting**  
**Children's Program Committee (CPC) - Chamba Cooke, Clerk**  
**July 10, 2017**

On the eve of the annual session, the CPC has reached unity on and accomplished almost all that we need to do in preparation for this year's program, leaving only a few details to be finalized in the upcoming days. We also feel organized and supported by the yearly meeting to execute our next task: actually delivering education firmly rooted in Quaker values to 2017's attending children, their parents, and the PYM community.

We began meeting by phone last fall, and currently we are meeting each week. Attendance at these meetings has almost always included all three of our members, as well as the Youth Programs Coordinator and the Children's Program Coordinator. Our M&O representative has kept abreast of our activities when she could not join our calls.

Thus far we have selected then qualified Friends to volunteer as teachers along with a few more as helpers and support staff at the annual session; this is two teachers short of our desire. Two of our committee members will be serving as a staff in addition the CP Coordinator. Looking at the actual registered attendance of children (24 at the time of this writing, with most in the 5-10 year old range) we have restructured our staff to accommodate the needs. We will be combining the two oldest groups for our afternoon outdoor adventures to allow us to offer more options. We have also been considering the possibility of having some non-age-segregated. We look forward to an orientation for the staff followed by a meeting with the parents on Friday, July 14, 2017. As the session progresses we intend to have daily teacher meetings at lunch and any other supportive measures that we can provide.

We have made two major changes in our program this year. One change addresses storing the program's materials: In previous years those supplies, along with some other committees' supplies, have been carried in a van that had to be rented, packed at a meeting house, unpacked at the annual session, packed again at the conclusion of the session, then unpacked again, and returned to the rental place. We have derived the much more simple option of purchasing an enclosed trailer that can stay packed year-long and parked at a meeting house, reducing the unpacking and packing and saving money in the long run, and we are grateful that Redwood Forest Friends Meeting in Santa Rosa, near to Walker Creek Ranch, may be willing to host the trailer in between Annual Sessions for the foreseeable future.

The other change addressed a discrepancy which was brought to our attention by several PYM members. Teachers had been getting a stipend of \$100 along with their lodging and meals covered. FRAPs for the teen program (JYM) have only had their lodging and meals covered.

After much discernment we saw clearly the teachers do need acknowledgement for the work they do and that it did not need to be monetary. This year we dropped the stipends.

While our committee has functioned well, we need three additional members to fill the Children's Program Committee.

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