



Dear Friends,

January 28, 2018

The Earth quickly soaks up every bit of the first rains of the season here in the Valley. Sprouts emerge and a bit of green begins to paint the landscape. The devastation of the drought is evident in dead trees and fallen branches, but spring brings hope and new beginnings.

Planning for our annual Spring Service Learning Camp is also a breath of fresh air.

Excitement is building for our time together again this March. Camp is the laboratory where we put our faith into action, working side by side as partners, youth and adults, Native and non-native, thanks to the partnership of Quaker Oaks Farm, the Wukchumni Tribe, and Pacific Yearly Meeting Youth Programs. **How do we heal the earth and historic wounds? How can we acknowledge and transform the modern consequences? How do we find a new way forward together?**

We are excited this year's Camp will focus on the natural world and how we can live in harmony with creation. We will learn to recognize native plants and how indigenous ancestors managed the landscape to provide abundant natural resources. We will learn to use some of these plants, processing acorns for food, making instruments and tools. We will plant new native gardens and tend the land.

The true power of Camp comes from the inclusive community we build together as youth and adults from a wide range of life experiences. We have fun, work, sing, play, pray, and eat together with open hearts as we make friends and grow in understanding.

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 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 [Donate here](#) or mail a check to Quaker Oaks Farm Camp, 17216 Ave 296, Visalia CA 93292. Please note "Camp" in the memo line. Quaker Oaks Farm is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Do you know a teen who might be interested in attending Camp, March 26-30, 2018?

Please share camp and registration information with middle or high school age youth (ages 13-18). **Apply online at QuakerOaksFarm.org or [Apply Here](#)**

With gratitude,

Melissa Lovett-Adair, Chairperson, Quaker Oaks Farm