

Welcome to JYM 2018 & What to Bring – Packing List

Hey everybody! It's time for Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) already, and we're super excited for another amazing year together. We, the JYM planning committee, would love to extend a warm welcome to all who are planning on attending JYM this year! This year's JYM co-clerks are Ari Standish, Charlie Shaw, and Elinor Steffy.

Our JYM webpage has lots of info, and this letter has some extra details.

<https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/2018/documents/ypc/welcome-to-jym-2018/>

Packing List:

- Sleeping bag or sheets and blankets
- Pillow & pillow case
- Towel(s) for showers and swimming
- Toiletries, toothbrush & toothpaste
- Clothes fit for any weather - 6 days
- Warm clothes for night
- Pajamas
- Hiking shoes
- Shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty or stained, for the service project
- Casual shoes
- Socks
- Swimsuit
- Sunscreen
- Reusable water bottle and coffee/tea cup
- Daypack
- Flashlight
- Clothes for the dance – **Theme is “Radical 80s”**
- Poems? Music? Art? ??? for Sharing Creative Expression
- USB, Mp3 or CD with music for the dance
- Frisbees, cards, board games, etc.
- Musical instruments
- Ideas for family night talent show--a skit? Poem? Music?
- *Faith and Practice*, the *Bible*, other spiritual readings, a journal
- Handwork for quiet times, knitting, friendship bracelet

JYM this year has a range of ages from 12 to 18. We have our own schedule and activities that are going to be a blast! We have amazing activities planned by the JYM committee including:

- Community building games
- An awesome service project – **Helping Walker Creek Ranch fix up their benches and picnic tables!**
- Respectful Relationships
- Swimming at the pond
- Mini AVP workshop
- Creative Expression
- A Monday night Community Dance with a **“Radical 80s” theme**
- Much much more!

Through these activities and others we build a strong community that helps nurture the spiritual growth of the group as a whole with an emphasis on the inner light in everyone. We will take time as a community to develop agreements and expectations that reflect our Quaker testimonies. Since JYM is a part of PYM, we do participate in many of the greater gathering's activities, including some plenaries, intergenerational games, the dance mentioned before, and the community night.

The JYM schedule will be on our web page:

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Please note:

- Parents/Guardian/Sponsors Meeting is 4:00 pm on Friday, July 14 in the Buckeye Room at Walker Creek Ranch.
- JYM doesn't begin till after the PYM Opening Plenary and Welcome, held in the Plenary Tent after dinner. As a group, we will make our way to the Buckeye Room.
- Please be sure you and your adult read the "What to Expect for Parents/Guardians/Sponsors" document on our web page, including what it says about PYM and JYM's Community Expectations.

We're so looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great time as a community during our week together at Walker Creek Ranch!

2018 JYM Planning Committee:

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