

Welcome to JYM 2019 & 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 will be attending JYM at Pacific Yearly Meeting's Annual Session!

This year's JYM co-clerks are Gabi Alvarado, Charlie Shaw, Callum Standish, and Elinor Steffy.

Our JYM webpage has lots of info:

www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/jym/

.... and this letter has some extra details:

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
- Rain coat just in case
- Pajamas
- Casual shoes
- Socks
- Closed-toed shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty or stained, for the service project
- Hiking shoes & socks
- Swimsuit
- Sunscreen
- Reusable water bottle and coffee/tea mug
- Daypack
- Flashlight
- Camera (phone camera is ok, but we put away electronics unless they're needed for the activity)
- Clothes for the **dance – theme 2019: “Thru the Decades”**:
 - *We encourage anyone who wants to to bring costumes for the dance "Thru the Decades" from the 1950s to the present and into the future! Adult Co-Clerk Sarah will bring a limited amount of vintage clothing to share/give away as well.*
- Poems? Music?, Art? ??? for Sharing Creative Expression
- Music for the dance (Memory stick, Mp3, CD)
- 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 typically has a range of ages from 13 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
- Respectful Relationships - (sexuality education within a power and privilege workshop)
- Swimming at the pond
- Mini AVP workshop (Alternatives to Violence)
- Creative Expression
- Our JYM-hosted Community Dance
- And 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 activities and games, the dance, and the community night (sort of like a talent show).

The JYM schedule will be linked from our web page.

Please note:

- Parents/Guardian/Sponsors Meeting is mid-afternoon on the first day (Friday) in the Buckeye Room at Walker Creek Ranch. Exact time will be posted in the PYM and JYM schedules.
- JYM's program doesn't begin till the end of the PYM Opening Plenary and Welcome at 8:15 pm in the plenary tent. As a group, we will make our way to the Buckeye Room. Parents/guardians/sponsors are responsible for supervision until then.
- Please be sure you and your adult read the "What to Expect for Parents/Guardians/Sponsors" document, including what it says about Community Expectations, also posted on the JYM web page.

Gatherings like JYM/PYM offer opportunities for personal growth and reflection, developing meaningful friendships, and experiencing the strength of community life. In order to make this possible, we must work together to create a safe and healthy space for all.

Part of the JYM experience early on (and throughout) will be for the participants to work together to create, agree upon, and uphold group guidelines. In addition, there are some pre-set expectations, listed below, that are a starting point for the JYM Community Expectations:

We agree to/that:

- Participate in the JYM activities, including the service project, meals, and clean-up
- Turn off or put away electronics during activities that do not necessitate their use
- Communicate about and respect personal boundaries
- Care for the physical welfare of the buildings and grounds and any sites we may visit and comply with all host site regulations and quiet times

- Make sure that a FRAP or adult committee member knows of any situation which threatens safety or the integrity of our community's expectations
- Fires will be made only with the consent and supervision of staff and comply with any host site rules
- One adult and one minor may not be out of sight together except in case of emergency (unless the adult is the parent/guardian/sponsor of that minor). A Sponsor is an adult who has been chosen and given permission by the Parent or Legal Guardian to act as temporary guardian for the event. *Staff and volunteers are oriented in abuse prevention and response.*

We agree to NO:

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| • Sexual activity | • Firearms |
| • Illegal or recreational drugs | • Fireworks |
| • Alcohol | • Violence or abusive behavior |

A Note about Intimacy: JYM is an opportunity for extended contact with friends of all genders, physical and emotional closeness, and a wonderful opportunity to explore and develop close relationships. However, like PYM, JYM is most appropriately a *community activity*. Pairing off and intimate sexual activity (anything more intimate than a friendly hug or kiss *with the other person's permission*) are not acceptable at JYM due to the negative impact they have on the JYM community and the potential for violation of personal boundaries and/or parental or legal expectations. Each individual may define reasonable additional limits and expect others to respect those limits.

Any JYMer, staff, or volunteer who is unable to function within these guidelines will be asked to leave at their own or their parent/guardian's expense. We ask all participants to agree to live up to the community's expectations and to expect and support the same behavior in others.

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

2019 JYM Planning Committee:

Co-Clerks: Gabi Alvarado (Sacramento), Callum Standish (Berkeley), Charlie Shaw (Santa Monica), and Elinor Steffy (Sacramento)

M&O Clerk: Santiago Myers (San Francisco)

M&O: Aaron Cantu (Santa Cruz), Eben Green (Santa Cruz), Robin Johnson (Santa Cruz)

JYM Adult Committee Co-Clerks: Sarah Armstrong Jones (Big Island) and Muriel Strand (Sacramento)

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