

JYM Friendly Responsible Adult Presence (FRAP)
Expectations Pacific Yearly Meeting
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Diversity of character and age among our FRAPs is important to our teens. It is helpful for young people to have adults in addition to their parents to share ideas, thoughts, and concerns with. Teens value your addition to the community as an individual and as an elder. At the gathering, all teens and FRAPs will be divided into smaller support groups which will meet regularly to create a further opportunity to share and build community.

FRAPs' partnership with the teens is strongly encouraged. FRAPs should remember that while their presence is important and necessary, particularly in case of emergency, the teens should be given every opportunity to exercise leadership and decision making.

As a FRAP, you are not expected to be an authority figure or a servant, but to take an equal part in community chores. Sometimes a FRAP will have a management responsibility in an area such as food, transportation, or a special project. A FRAP over 21 with valid driver's license and insurance may drive teens to off-site activities. FRAPs at each gathering will assume responsibility for permission forms and medical issues.

Teens try to adhere to positive standards of behavior that strengthen and preserve our community. We work to have all JYM teens develop a commitment to this and try to take the leadership, with the advice of FRAPs, in handling any concerns that arise. Any FRAP concerned with the behavior of teens should feel free to share their concern with the teens themselves in a respectful and open way. The FRAP should also discuss such concerns with other members of the JYM Committee.

Consider setting your own boundaries at the gathering to help maintain trust between yourself, the teens and the yearly meeting. Many young people have times when they are uncertain about their sense of themselves or their relations with others, emotionally or sexually. Please counsel our young people and make new friends, but draw a line where a teen, you, or the community might feel uncomfortable. Two teens or one FRAP and one teen should never be together out of sight of other teen or adult participants in the gathering.

FRAPs register and pay as led for Annual Session and receive a \$500 stipend.

While at the gathering, FRAPs are expected to attend the mandatory orientation meeting and come regularly to the daily leadership meetings.

Night FRAPs should expect that they may be awake until about midnight or even 1 a.m. (until the "lights out" time that is designated in the Community Expectations discussion). *--Thanks to the CPQM Teen Handbook for inspiration for this document --*