

# News from Mountain Friends Camp

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*A Quaker summer camp for all, affiliated with Intermountain Yearly Meeting*

## Help Support Mountain Friends Camp!

Dear Friends,

We've had two great years of camp so far and are looking forward to our third (and beyond!) Please consider giving financial support to Mountain Friends Camp this year. Our goal is to raise \$9000 in donations by June 2012; so far we've raised \$2720. If we don't raise enough money we won't be able to have camp, and we can only reach our goal with your assistance!

IMYM has budgeted \$1500 for Mountain Friends Camp each year since 2010, but most of our income is camper fees and donations. As we continue to expand our programming costs have increased considerably.

In 2012 we will be raising the camper fee from \$150 per week to \$300 to help meet costs. But we don't want cost to be a barrier to camp participation, so we will also increase the amount set aside for "camperships." Even so, we're concerned that asking a relatively small group of families



Happy campers and staff at MFC 2011

to bear the costs of developing our camp structure is unrealistic and will keep people away. That's why we need your help!

This summer we're going to lengthen camp to two one-week sessions, plus 3 to 4 nights of staff training before camp. We also hope to increase the number of campers and staff from 16 to 25-30. We plan to provide small staff stipends for some of the young adults who told us they would love to serve as counselors but really need to find a summer job. I'm receiving a stipend during the off season

to work on the structure of camp, build up the committee, design a website, and travel for outreach as well as everything that goes into planning camp.

Other costs that will rise this year are communication costs for the website, a few mailings and conference calls; fees should we decide to incorporate; background checks, increased travel costs; and supplies.

There is good news, though:

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"(My child) loved camp with you. I spoke at the rise of meeting yesterday, giving my own little personal report to folks who may have followed your movement through IMYM this year. I let them know that she loved the work, had a blast learning about adobe-ing, the composting of food and humanure, singing, playing frisbee and that she came home in an amazing place- really grounded in her being, really happy, peaceful and self assured. How amazing is that? I'm just so grateful that the experience resulted in bringing her to that place. " -Parent, 2010

## Our New Home for 2012

After several site visits and much deliberation, the Mountain Friends Camp Committee is pleased to announce that camp will be held at **Timberline Trails in Tincup, Colorado** during the summer of 2012! Timberline Trails, Inc., is a nonprofit organization with decades of summer camp experience. Facilities include four cozy cabins and an indoor kitchen and bathhouse, and their gorgeous high mountain location is surrounded by lakes, hiking trails, Forest Service land, lots of wildflowers and wildlife, and a historic mining town. Potential plork projects abound,



too: oiling log cabins, fixing up trails, helping with Forest Service projects, and conducting oral history interviews of local residents are just a few examples! The owners, Curt and Joy Winters, have generously offered us their camp facilities, supplies, utilities and insurance coverage (for the first year) at no charge. They are semi-retired and are looking for a group with a vision inline with their own values to use the camp. Many thanks to IMYM Friend Julia

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## Join the Committee!

As Mountain Friends Camp grows, we need more voices to join the conversation about the future of camp. We are currently an ad hoc committee of the Yearly Meeting, comprising Senior Young Friends and younger and older adults. The committee is co-clerked by Colorado Friends Valerie Ireland and Eric Wright, and we conduct monthly conference calls. Right now we are seeking clarity on how to develop our structure and stability.

"Thank you so much for all you and the committee are doing to ensure the future of Mountain Friends Camp! I just wanted to let you know that [my camper] is still glowing from a wonderful week."

"I really liked the camp and all of the friends that I made!"

"Please accept my thanks for [my camper's] camp experience--reviewed as "awesome" and "I want to go next year"--followed by 4 hours of sleep on the way home. This junior age is really receptive to messages of cooperation and justice that this helps foster, as well as simple joy in the outdoor world."

**Mountain Friends Camp is** a sleep-away, co-ed camp where all are valued and loved as individuals and for the gifts they share. Guided by the Quaker testimonies, everyone takes responsibility for the well being of the community, from deciding on "norms" to washing dishes to making sure that everyone is having fun. We live simply and in harmony with the natural environment and have a great time exploring, learning and sharing. Mountain Friends Camp started as an idea and an IMYM Senior Young Friends committee in 2009 and has grown through week-long camps in 2010 and 2011 with the help of many. Find out more on our website and Facebook page, join us this summer and help Mountain Friends Camp grow.

## How to Donate

To donate send a check to "Mountain Friends Camp" to our treasurer, Eric Wright at:

2455 Race St, Denver CO, 20805

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation please contact us directly. Many thanks!



"Plork" (play+work) projects planting trees, cooking dinner, adobe plaster, and cleaning old debris

## Support MFC Cont.

some of our anticipated costs won't be as high as we thought. And people have been AMAZINGLY generous to us. Our 2012 hosts are donating their land, equipment and supplies, and coverage under their insurance policy for the 2012 session. We have also been blessed by offers of outdoor supplies, volunteer cooks and staff, technical help and a free server for the website, and offers of financial aid for individual campers. We've also heard from several more families who are already planning on sending kids to camp! So I'm encouraged and have faith that way will continue to open for Mountain Friends Camp and

"5 unforgettable days of awesomeness. Thanks to everyone and I'll miss you all!"  
—Camper, 2011

the money will come.

Whatever Friends can give will be greatly appreciated and put to good use! If we do raise enough to add to the reserves, that would be great, as next year our costs will go up further as we continue to expand and take on our own insurance and site costs. Donations from individuals and meetings alike are very welcome and there are many ways to get involved and support our Quaker camp.

In the Light,  
Ana Easterling  
Mountain Friends Camp Director

## Our New Home, Cont.

Halaby for bringing us together! Timberline Trails is located at an elevation of 10,200 feet, so with June lows in the high 20s and highs in the 60s it will be our chilliest camp yet! But we're prepared to stay active, huddle by the fire, and bundle up if need be. See more pictures of the MFC Committee's trip to Timberline Trails on our Facebook page!

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