

News from Mountain Friends Camp

A Quaker Summer Camp for All, Affiliated with Intermountain Yearly Meeting

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We Need Your Help!

You may have heard this before, but it bears repeating....

We need counselors, camp supplies, drivers, and lots of friends to spread the word and hold us in the light. In addition we need the financial support of our community. Help support our operating costs or sponsor a camper with a "campership". To donate, mail a check made out to "IMYM" with "Mountain Friends Camp" note to:

Claude Weil (IMYM treasurer)
1441 Snowmass Court
Boulder, CO 80305

Last summer we were able to stay under budget, spending less than \$1200 out of the \$1600 allotted for operating costs. This was due to our overall low spending on food and supplies, our hosts who shared costs of supplies, our staff of volunteers, "piggybacking" off of IMYM's insurance policy, and the \$1000 we raised in donations. To keep costs low for families, offer "camperships," and cover volunteer staff expenses at camp, we will try to replicate this success with a larger group. Please do what you can to help!

Gearing Up for Year Two!



June has arrived, and that means that once again it's almost time for Mountain Friends Camp! This year, camp will take place in beautiful Castle Valley, Utah (see a picture of the site on the left); fifteen campers and staff members will brave the southern Utah heat for the week of June 12-18. We will play games, worship, share our stories, work, and enjoy nature and communal living together during camp.

Meet the Staff

In addition to our nine awesome Young Friend campers, this year we will have six adult (18+) staff members joining us for camp: five counselors/all-around helpers, and one designated Kitchen Ogre. We asked each of them to share a little bit about themselves.

Ariel Bibby returns this summer to reprise her role as a counselor for Mountain Friends Camp. Although she is from Boston (go Sox!), she had never met a Quaker until she encountered Logan's own Ana Easterling in college. But over the last couple of years she has been glad to meet many more at IMYM and on the Quaker Road this spring-- the individuals have been exceptionally kind and welcoming, and the practice has helped her grow spiritually and personally. Ariel enjoys the outdoors, sports, telling stories, and adventuring, and looks forward to camp this summer.

Amy Clark: I like to cook. I think in pictures. I love hot water and steam. I'm a morning person. I'm a grandma. I used to be a teacher. I drive school buses. I'm a "born-again" Christian. I've always been a Quaker. I write poetry. My essays have shown up in magazines and newspapers. Let me draw your face. I'm bringing a skit or two. I used to sing, but now just some God-awful noise comes out. Music is good. It makes me dance. The one I love drives a big rig. We like to camp, but I can be wimpy about it sometimes.

Ian Ford: I'm Ian from Albuquerque. I'm a parent of two 12 year olds, a software engineer and lifelong Quaker. I have a long time interest in religious education starting with a powerful experience teaching Sunday school in my 20s. I'm taking my first summer off in many years and look forward mainly to being in a receptive mode and finding out where I need to go next.

Meet the Staff, Continued:

Anastacia Easterling: I was raised by my parents (one of whom will be at camp for his second year as Kitchen Ogre) and the rest of Logan Monthly Meeting in lovely Logan Utah. We spent lots of time in the canyons and mountains, from short bike rides with the dogs to week-long backpacking trips all over the place. My year in China as a high school exchange student left me with passable language skills and a yearning for genuine Sichuan cooking, and my four college years in New York City left me with a taste for city living and a deep appreciation for my mountainous hometown. During college I spent a great summer as arts and crafts director at cabin counselor at Friends Camp in Maine. I talked it up so much to the IMYM Senior Young Friends that we decided to form a committee and start our own summer camp. Since then I've balanced lots of travel with down time in Logan getting to know my new sister-in-law and worlds cutest nephew, and putting lots of energy into getting Mountain Friends Camp up and running. Three years later, here we are



Ariel and last year's campers!

getting ready for the second session of Mountain Friends Camp! I am excited to share the dream with new and old Friends this summer as we build Quaker community and have a great time in Castle Valley Utah.

Eric Wright: I'm a member of Mountain View Friends Meeting in Denver, and have been a Quaker all my life. I think my favorite job was working as a counselor and program director at Camp Dark Waters, a Quaker camp in New Jersey, when I was in high school and college. More recently I've helped run a Family Resource Center in Denver. I'm married and have two grown daughters, Maya and Jenny. I'm sixty-five this year, and starting to think of

myself as retired. I like being outdoors, cooking, playing guitar and singing, and getting to know people in a group. My goal for Mountain Friends Camp is to be a good listener.

Pat Easterling: I was a Navy brat who moved often, though Dad managed to get several tours in Hawaii. Dad was a good cook, and his was the influence that has helped me adapt to cooking for Mountain Friends Camp - enough garlic, jalapenos, olive oil, sugar, rolled oats and pasta and we'll be fine! I was raised Catholic, though by the time I made Mom happy by getting confirmed I was 13 and realized that my God was a lot smarter and cooler than that idiot Catholic God who seemed SO concerned with rules and trivia. So later on Quaker ideas spoke to me and I soon considered myself a Quaker, though I wasn't the most regular attender. I must admit that Dorothy Lewis, a (very) senior member of Logan Meeting, did quip that I seemed to show up when there was food! (Hmmm, Quaker Potlucks!) Later, after I met Brenda and then we had kids we became regular attenders and soon, members. And my attendance in Biz Meeting has (almost) nothing to do with the great snacks and deserts that Peggy Neuber brings. I've been to several Rainbow Family Gatherings, where I've worked doing various things, often in kitchens, and from that culture is where the term Kitchen Ogre comes from. I got nicknamed Kitchen Ogre at the 2010 Mountain Friends Camp, and I hope to be a mellow wise kitchen ogre in Castle Valley this year.

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See you this summer!