

Caln Quarter Annual Gathering of Friends



Exploring Community: Deepening Our Connections

May 1-3, 2015

Camp Swatara
Bethel, PA

Register through April 17

Early Bird Discount (\$12 per adult
and \$10 per child) **by March 31**

We welcome Caln Quarter Friends to our tradition of fellowship, learning, worship and enjoying the pristine natural setting of Camp Swatara near Bethel, PA. Caln Quarter has held these spring residential retreats for decades at this camp located at the foot of Blue Mountain and bounded by the Appalachian Trail.

For those who are returning, *welcome back*. For those coming for the first time, imagine a weekend with people eager to listen, learn and connect with Friends. Meetings for Worship are large, yet personal. Workshops and general sessions expose us to ideas from the wider Quaker community. There are many Quakers in Caln Quarter who share common understandings and insights into Quaker history, and some with modern leadings.

This year's theme is inspired by the Strengthening Our Meeting Community (SOMC) efforts over the last few years to deepen our connections, within Meetings, within the Quarter and beyond. We are excited that Clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Jada Jackson, has accepted our invitation to be Plenary speaker. The title of her talk will be "All God's Children." How do we welcome all God's children? What does that really mean for me, and for Meeting?

We will have a new Saturday night activity brought to us by [River Crossing Playback Theater](#). This is an interactive form that creates an engaging community dialogue. Beyond these offerings, there are varied programs for children and adults. Middle School and Young Friends programs are coordinated by the Yearly Meeting staff and open to youth from all of PYM. Young Adult Friends (ages 18 to 35ish) who wish to share a cabin can indicate their preference on the registration form.

Lodging is in cabins, heated lodges, and a motel-type lodge. Four newer, bunk-style lodges have bathroom and shower facilities. New this year, we will offer same-sex cabins, if requested. Meals are buffet style with a vegetarian option at each meal.

Registration on-line (also new this year) or paper by April 17. Early-bird registration by March 31 for savings. See details below.

Caln Quarter Annual Gathering of Friends 2015 Activity Schedule

In addition to scheduled activities, Friends are invited to relax and enjoy Camp Swatara – go for a hike, climb the rock pile, read a book under a tree, talk with a friend – whatever will refresh your spirit.

Friday, May 1 Feel free to bring a picnic supper to eat at Camp Swatara Friday evening. No meal is served.

	6:00-9:00 PM		Registration (entranceway)
	7:00-8:00 PM		Meeting for Worship for all ages (upstairs at North Lodge)
	7:30-9:30 PM		Campfire with music/stories/games (West area)

Saturday, May 2

	7:00-8:00 AM		Yoga (upstairs at North Lodge)
	8:00-8:30 AM		Breakfast (dining hall)
	8:30-9:30 AM		Registration (entranceway)
CP	9:00-9:45 AM		Meeting for Worship (main hall)
CP	9:45-11:45 AM		Meeting for Business (main hall)
	11:45-12:30		Registration (entranceway)
	12:00-12:45 PM		Lunch (dining hall)
CP	1:20-2:40 PM		PLENARY SESSION (see description below)
CP	3:00-4:15 PM		WORKSHOP SESSIONS A (see next page)
	4:15-5:30 PM		Free Time and extended time for workshops (as needed)
	4:30-5:30 PM		Shape Note Singing (main hall)
	5:30-6:00 PM		Dinner (dining hall)
	6:45-7:45 PM		Intergenerational Talent Show (main hall)
	8:00-10:00 PM		Playback Theater (main hall)
	8:00-10:00 PM		Board games (dining hall)
	8:00-10:00 PM		Camp fire (near the Middle School and Young Friends cabins)
	10:00-11:30 PM		Night Owl Coffee House/Sing Along (ad hoc, main hall)

Sunday, May 3

	6:00 AM		Bird Walk
	7:00-8:00 AM		Yoga (upstairs at North Lodge)
	8:00-8:30 AM		Breakfast (dining hall)
	8:30-9:30 AM		Swatara Planning Meeting (library)
	9:00-9:30 AM		Hymn singing (main hall)
CP	9:45-10:45 AM		WORKSHOP SESSIONS B (see next page)
CP	10:15-11:00 AM		Youth Graduation Ceremony (for 5 th graders, MSFs, YFs, their parents, and well wishers)
CP	11:00AM-12:00		Meeting for Worship for all ages (Children join worship at 11:45am)
	12:15-12:45 PM		Lunch (dining hall)
	1:00 PM		Clean-up and farewell

CP – There will be both the children’s program and childcare at this time, beginning 15 minutes before, and until 15 minutes after, the activity. Program leaders, volunteers, and the children will be waiting for their parents’ timely arrival.

PLENARY SESSION – **Jada Jackson, Clerk of PYM** will speak on “All God’s Children.” How do we welcome all God’s children? What does that really mean for me, and for Meeting?



Jada Jackson is a PYM volunteer who helps to guide the processes and leadership of our yearly meeting. She is the Clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and serves on the Advisory Committee, Development Services Working Group, General Secretary Oversight and Evaluation Committee and is an ex officio member of the Sessions Planning Group. Jada recalls “six years ago, when I was asked to be an alternate clerk of interim meeting, it was a faithfulness of trust for me to say yes to that invitation. I was not aware of the people or customs of Interim Meeting, but I trusted the Friends who were asking for my service. We all hold a responsibility to look within ourselves for our gifts and to look in each other and support them amongst us.” Jada is a member of Trenton Monthly Meeting and the Burlington Meetinghouse Worship Group.

WORKSHOPS *The final schedule is subject to change and will be available at Camp Swatara.*

Session A will be Saturday afternoon.

Session B will be Sunday morning.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 3:00 – 4:15

1A “Cuba: Photos and Political Commentary”

NORTH LODGE, 1st floor, handicapped accessible

(Richard Morse, Harrisburg)

Perspectives on how things have changed, if at all, in Cuba after Presidents Obama's and Castro's announcement of better relations. Richard recently made a 3rd trip to Cuba.

2A “ Race Relations – Discussion to Action”

MAIN HALL, handicapped accessible

(Jamie McVikar, Downingtown)

We have been asked for decades to have a national discussion on race. This workshop will briefly be part of that, then hope to spend a majority of our time developing ideas for specific actions we can take or lead others to get involved with. Please come ready with ideas, suggestions and an open mind, though not so open that things fall out.

3A “Poetry in Prose”

MAIN HALL LIBRARY

(Tom Hughes, Reading)

Out of the Silence Friends find God. Out of the silence of the printed word we can find poetry. Discover poetry where you would least expect it: the back of a soup can, an advertisement for a sports program, the index of your hymnal. An Altered Pages Poem is the type of poem that can be easily grasped and written--no experience in poetry is required. All one needs is an open mind. Friends can use this art form as a way to closer relate with one another, to learn more about themselves, or to commune with the Light Within.

4A “Our Peace Testimony: The Stories of Conscientious Objectors to War”

MAIN HALL DINING ROOM, handicapped accessible

(Ken Worthwein, Harrisburg)

Read and discuss the personal stories of CO's throughout history and how their status has changed.

5A “Healthy Aging from a Blue Zone Perspective.. Is there a Quaker Perspective?” Part 1

EAST STAFF HOUSE

(Anne Barton, Chambersburg)

A review of the 10 lessons learned in a study of areas in the world which have produced a large percentage of centenarians.

6A “Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts”

NORTH LODGE, 2nd floor

(Blair Seitz, Reading)

Artists to discuss their art and their life as Quaker artists. Artists please bring art--visual art ready to hang, or sculpture and fabric art for a table-- to the 2nd floor, North Lodge, upon arrival. The Workshop is open to all--artist or not.

SUNDAY Morning 9:45 – 10:45

7B “What Can We Say About Friends?”

NORTH LODGE, 1st floor – handicapped accessible

(Alex Miller, Downingtown)

Are you excited about being a Quaker? The Religious Society is rich in spiritual life and community, and yet our numbers are small. We need a better script to get the word out. This presentation is a mix of new ideas, peppered with Quaker voices you have not heard before.

8B “Strengthening Our Quarter”

MAIN HALL DINING ROOM, handicapped accessible

(Janet Lamborn, Reading)

A brain storming session about the future of QM, how to strengthen our Quarter in addition to visiting each other, more youth programs, and supporting AVP project in the Middle East. What else can we do together as a Quarter?

9B “Quaker Books - Old and New”

MAIN HALL LIBRARY

(Connie Webster, Sadsbury)

Friends have always been known for their literature. Hear about some Quaker books and authors, new and old. Attendees may wish to share their favorites.

10B “Healthy Aging from a Blue Zone Perspective..Is there a Quaker Perspective?” Part 2

EAST STAFF HOUSE

(Anne Barton, Chambersburg)

What Can *We* Say? Listening to input, and gathering a perspective from our sampling at Camp Swatara.

11B “ Wildflower Walk”

Front Entrance to Main Lodge

(Maria Cattell, Lancaster)

Enjoy an easy walk, experience the outdoor beauty of Camp Swatara, and get to know some of our native plants.

LODGING

Camp Swatara offers a variety of accommodations:

HC: New heated cabins that sleep 18, bunkhouse style, with in-house showers and toilets

RC: Rustic shared cabins

M: 10 motel-style rooms with private bath, towel, and linen service in the North Lodge

We will not be assigning specific spaces in the cabins. However, there will be a list of cabins near the registration area where you may post your name and location if you wish.

NOTE: Since the **North Lodge**, which has one fully ADA-equipped room, has been over subscribed in past years, to ensure your stay there, register early (first come-first serve).

It is also possible to camp in either a tent or a recreational vehicle at the Camp Swatara Family Campground.

→ YOU must make your own reservations for camping by contacting:

Camp Swatara Family Campground
2093 Camp Swatara Rd
Bethel, PA 19507
www.campswatara.org

NOTE: Campers must also submit the Registration Form. If you are camping but wish to eat some or all meals in the dining hall, sign up under **Plan E and indicate which meals you want.**

What to Bring?

The weather can change drastically over the weekend so bring appropriate clothing for any eventuality (warm or cool, wet or dry). Depending on your interests, consider quiet games, sports equipment, and musical instruments. If you plan to stay overnight, bring a flashlight, sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, pillow, towel, toiletries, etc. Children should bring an extra pair of shoes.

Weekend Rules

- Each Meeting takes a turn cleaning the Dining Hall after a meal. Assignments are posted there.
- **PLEASE** take only what you will eat at meals! We have dumped a lot of food in past years.
- Sweep your cabin before you leave.
- Don't disturb the wildflowers or wildlife.
- Keep the camp clean and litter free.
- No smoking, drugs, alcohol or pets
- No skateboards, radios, CD players, electronic games, knives, guns or other weapons

Camp Swatara Says:

"Take nothing but photos. Leave nothing but footprints. Kill nothing but time."

FEES

For Plans A-D, subtract \$12 per adult and \$10 per child, ages 3-8, for Early Bird March 31 registration.

All meals and lodging are free for ages 0-2.

Register online here: <http://goo.gl/forms/WsvictRRWn> (except Middle School and Young Friends--see info later)

WE DO NOT WANT ANY CALN QUARTER FRIENDS TO MISS THIS RETREAT FOR LACK OF FUNDS.

Don't hesitate to contact the registrar if you need a subsidy.

Plan A: The entire weekend in a cabin or the West Lodge, Friday and Saturday nights. 5 meals: Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner; Sunday breakfast, lunch.

Ages 3-8: \$ 55 per person

Ages 9 & up: \$103 per person

Plan B: The entire weekend in the North Lodge (motel-style), Friday and Saturday nights, 5 meals as in Plan A

Ages 3-8: \$ 75 per person

Ages 9 & up: \$157 per person (single occupancy)

Ages 9 & up: \$142 per person (double occupancy)

Ages 9 & up: \$136 per person (3-5 people)

Plan C: One night in a cabin, Saturday night. Includes 4 meals: Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Ages 3-8: \$38 per person

Ages 9 & up: \$68 per person

Plan D: One night in the North Lodge, Saturday night.

Includes 4 meals: Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch. See LODGING Note.

Ages 3-8: \$47 per person

Ages 9 & up: \$95 per person (single occupancy)

Ages 9 & up: \$87 per person (double occupancy)

Ages 9 & up: \$84 per person (3-5 people)

Plan E: A la carte meals only for those camping or those not staying overnight. Please indicate on the registration form which meals you will eat.

	<u>Ages 3-8</u>	<u>Ages 9 & up</u>
Saturday breakfast:	\$4.00	\$8.00
Saturday lunch:	\$6.00	\$12.00
Saturday dinner:	\$6.00	\$12.00
Sunday breakfast:	\$4.00	\$8.00
Sunday noon dinner:	\$6.00	\$12.00

Plan F: Day Registration for those not staying overnight, but participating in Workshops and other activities. \$10.00 per day for adults and \$5.00 for children.

Please note that if you are coming for business meeting only, or business meeting and lunch only, you need not pay this fee; please submit registration form with this noted. However, those staying for workshops or extra meals owe this fee—we use the facilities and need to pay for them! If you are paying for camping, this fee is already included in your site fee.

Registration for Camp Swatara 2015

Register online here: <http://goo.gl/forms/WsvictRRWn> (except Middle School and Young Friends--see below)

Registration deadline (postmarked) by April 17, 2015, or March 31 for Early Bird rate

Name:	Phone (day):
Address:	Phone (evening):
Meeting:	Email address:

Please list all family members, campers, speakers, Friendly Presences, Counselors, Middle School* and Young Friends* who will be attending. *Parents registering Middle School and Young Friends: you must register and pay on-line for each youth participating in the MS and YF programs at <http://www.pym.org/calendar/events/pym-young-friends-and-middle-school-friends-at-camp-swatara/>

If you have special needs, e.g. vegetarian, please specify. Note that the kitchen provides only enough vegetarian meals for those ordered!	For those in Plan A, B, C, or D ↓	Day visitors and campers, register under Plan F, or E and F. For those in Plan E, check each meal you plan to eat. ↓
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Name	Age if child	Grade if child	Workshop session #'s	Payment plan as described on prior page; circle plan	Lodging Preference*	SAT breakfast \$8	SAT lunch \$12	SAT dinner \$12	SUN breakfast \$8	SUN lunch \$12	Lodging and Meal Cost	Plan B & D only: Share lodging with these people....
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<p>*Lodging Preference: A for any lodge or cabin; RC for rustic, shared cabin; HC for heated, 18 person cabin; M for North Lodge Motel; N/A for MS and YF; YAF for Young Adult Friends Cabin; FEMALE for housing with women only; MALE for housing with men only</p>	<p>Total Cost _____ Less to be _____ paid by _____ Meeting _____ Day Fee, Plan F _____ Optional Donation _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____</p>
<p>Register Online or complete this form and mail by April 17, 2015 (March 31 Early Bird) Make checks payable to "Caln Quarterly Meeting" (checks will be deposited upon receipt.) Mail all registration forms and checks to: c/o Brad DiPaolo, 1459 State Rd, Duncannon, PA 17020</p> <p>No refunds for cancellations received after 4/22/2015</p>	<p>If you have any Questions, contact: Co-Clerk Diane Staz diane@dianestaz.net Co-Clerk Marci Pickering gmpick@verizon.net Registrar--John Hayden jbhayden1@gmail.com</p>
<p><i>Young Friends and Middle School programs are coordinated through PYM and <u>not</u> Caln Quarter. See the following pages for online registration information.</i></p>	

Elementary Programming (K-5)

Ilona Miller from Downingtown Meeting will lead this program. Ilona is a Camp Swatara veteran, having not missed a year from age one until she left for college. She is a high school English teacher at a charter school in Hartford, CT with a passion for singing.

Pre-School Programming

Amy Windish from Harrisburg will lead this program. Amy has been the beloved caretaker for the preschool children of Harrisburg Meeting for the past eight years.

General

- ❖ Be sure to have the children dress appropriately for cool and warm weather, for getting a little dirty in the woods and fields with shoes that are sturdy enough for hiking and walking.
- ❖ In warmer weather, kids are drawn to the stream, so an extra pair of old sneakers and a towel come in handy.
- ❖ Let us know in advance of any special needs.
- ❖ Please complete the form below with age and grade of your child(ren) and return it with your registration. It will greatly help in planning our program.

CHILDREN'S SESSION TIMES:

Session A: Saturday Morning 8:45 am - 11:45 am

Session B: Saturday Afternoon 1:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Session C: Sunday Morning 9:30 am - 11:45 am (We join Meeting for Worship.)

PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER, especially if you do not have young children, to give those parents a much appreciated respite. We will have an awesome time together!

To volunteer, contact Diane Staz at 717-421-5063 or diane@dianestaz.net. We need four people for each slot below – two for Pre-School and two for Elementary.

Sadsbury/Schulkill Saturday 8:45-10:15 (1-1/2 hours)

Chambersburg/Exeter Saturday 10:15-12:00 (1-3/4 hours)

Reading Saturday 1:15-3:00 (1-3/4 hours)

Harrisburg Saturday 3:00-4:30 (1-1/2 hours)

Downingtown Sunday 9:30-11:00 (1-1/2 hours)

Lancaster Sunday 11:00-12:00 (1 hour)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Name and Age of Child(ren): _____

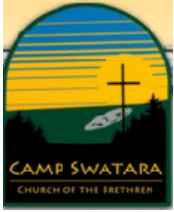
Meeting: _____ Parent Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Expect to need childcare: Saturday Morning _____

Saturday Afternoon _____

Sunday Morning _____



Caln Quarterly Meeting Family Weekend at
Camp Swatara
May 1-3, 2015

Camp Swatara does
not permit smoking



Middle School Friends (grades 6-8) and Young Friends (grades 9-12)

The Camp Swatara Middle School and Young Friends programs are open to youth from the whole Yearly Meeting. Camp Swatara is a rustic camp on 600 acres of wooded hillside at the base of the Appalachian Trail. This gathering is part of the Caln Quarterly Meeting family weekend. Middle School and Young Friends will have their own cabins and program. Matt Sanderson will lead the Middle School Friends (MSF) and Hannah Mayer will lead the Young Friends (YF) programs.

While the MSF and YF Programs will be separate most of the weekend, they will spend some time together and many elements of the programs will be similar. Both programs will open with group games and get to know you activities. The MSF and YF programs will create space for learning in workshops, sharing deeply through worship sharing, and developing leadership through taking ownership of some aspect of Saturday evening's activities. Everyone will have the opportunity to hike the rock pile and part of the Appalachian Trail. There will be an alternate activity for those who do not want to hike. MSF and YF participants are also a welcome part of the intergenerational talent show and Playback Theater on Saturday. On Sunday morning both MSF and YF programs will join together for a moving up ceremony. Current 8th graders will be welcomed into the Young Friends program and 12th graders will be welcomed by Young Adult Friends.

Expectations of the programs: All MSFs and YFs who register for this gathering are expected to participate in the set program. We would like to encourage participants to find ways to attend the entire gathering. Community building becomes much more possible when everyone is there the whole time. Parents should let us know if for some reason their child will not be participating in any part of the program. Young people should expect to be supervised at all times. All attendees must register for program. Guidelines will be explained Friday night.

Cost: \$103.00. Includes all meals. You MUST register by APRIL 17, or register by March 31 to receive an early bird discount and pay only \$91.00. NO walk-ins. No Late registrations. To register for Middle School or Young Friends, go here: <http://www.pym.org/calendar/events/pym-young-friends-and-middle-school-friends-at-camp-swatara/>

Do not stay away for lack of money! Ask your meeting if there is money available to help young people attend gatherings. Financial aid is also available – just select the financial aid option online registration and indicate the amount you're able to pay.

Transportation: Because fun weekend programs allow a greater sense of community to develop, we would like to encourage everyone to arrive on Friday night. A carpool list and follow-up email will go out about 10 days before the gathering. If parents are driving and have room for other riders it would be an act of kindness for you to call other YFs and MSFs from the carpool list and invite them to ride with you! If you cannot find a ride, the YF and MSF programs have a shuttle service that will arrange pickup from a nearby meetinghouse or other central location. Please get in touch with Matt Sanderson or Hannah Mayer at least a week in advance of the gathering to help arrange this!

Accommodations: Camp Swatara provides bunk beds with foam mattresses in uninsulated (read: cold at night) cabins. There is a bathhouse with showers a short walk from the YF and MSF cabins. Bring pajamas in which you will be comfortable being seen and others will be comfortable seeing you. A Friendly Adult Presence (chaperone) will be present in each cabin.

Important information: ARRIVE between 6 and 7 PM on Friday night. The program will begin at 7:30. Eat dinner before you come or bring a picnic dinner. There will be a snack later in the evening. The gathering will end after lunch at 1:00 PM on Sunday. Please remind your ride to pick you up at that time.

Things to bring: Warm sleeping bag, towel, flashlight, daypack, sturdy shoes for hiking, water bottle, rain gear, musical instruments, pajamas, toiletries. There is a pay phone available for outgoing phone calls. Bring a prepaid calling card. Our experience is that most cell phones have no reception at the main camp area.

For more information contact: Hannah Mayer at hmayer@pym.org, 215-241-7222 or Matt Sanderson at msanderson@pym.org, 215-241-7171.

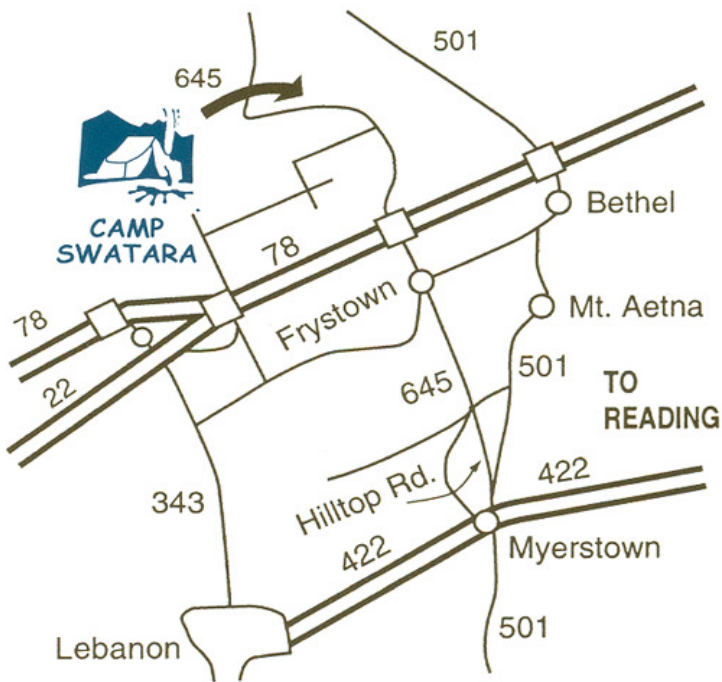
For emergencies or cancellations during the weekend call PYM staff on site at 215-702-4796. You can also try the Camp Swatara land line at 717-933-8510.

Calm Quarterly Meeting

Camp Swatara Planning Committee
c/o Brad DiPaolo
1459 State Rd
Duncannon, PA 17020

Calm Quarter Family Weekend at Camp Swatara May 1-3, 2015

Please Register by April 17, 2015
(Early Bird registration March 31, 2015)

	<p style="text-align: center;">CAMP SWATARA</p> <p>Located at the foot of beautiful Blue Mountain in northwestern Berks County, Pennsylvania, Camp Swatara is owned and operated by the Atlantic Northeast District Church of the Brethren and is a member of the Outdoor Ministries Association of the Church of the Brethren.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">http://www.campswatara.org</p> <p>For MAPPING FROM YOUR LOCATION USE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2905 Camp Swatara Road Bethel Township, PA 19507-9554</p>
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