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REMINDERS

Your Sessions Photos Wanted: We welcome your photographs for use on neym.org during Sessions; however, please do not take photos from the front of the auditorium or on stage during worship or business. Please do not be disruptive and please do not post photographs of individuals without permission. Please see the full policy for taking photographs at Sessions at <https://neym.org/photography-recording-policies> or can be obtained by e-mailing office@neym.org.

The Youth Programs maintain their own agreements, including social media. Participants and staff in those programs are expected to abide by their program's agreements. Contact the program coordinators with any questions.

Policy Addressing At-Risk or Disruptive Behavior at Sessions: A copy of the Policy is on page 6 in the *Guide to Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions*. Friends are encouraged to review it as we seek to create a place of safety and respect for all who attend.

Support Quaker Ministry! Contribution box and *GiveMonthly* information available throughout the week at Info Desk and at neym.org/donate.

Volunteers Needed: Help in the bookstore, carry a tray at mealtime, play with kids under the tent in the afternoon, drive shuttles. Find something to do and volunteer through the Info Desk or email volunteers@neym.org.

Important Info & Schedule Change: Please arrive at the Pavilion at 8:45 for worship on Sunday morning! Bring your rock from Opening Celebration and wear your mask. There will be water featured—you may want to dress small kids and yourself accordingly.

Practicing Noticing Patterns Together: This year in Business meetings, the NPWG encourages all Friends to share their noticing, with support available from Noticing Patterns. The prompts *I feel; I hear; I see; I wonder; I know* are helpful starters. The Clerk will also call for noticing, as led.

Special Dining Needs: Castleton University Dining Service welcomes us, ready to cater to our special needs. Menus will be posted; ingredients will be (continued next page)

ABOUT THE GUIDE TO ANNUAL SESSIONS!

Information that repeats day-to-day is in the *Guide to Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions*. If you don't have a copy yet, download the Guide from <https://neym.org/housing-options> or pick one up at the Info Desk (*Fine Arts Ctr*).

The *Yearly Meeting News* will provide the day's schedule, along with special announcements and a few reminders.

FRIDAY ARRIVALS

Dining Hall Hours: Saturday breakfast, 6:45–8:45

EVENTS ON SATURDAY

8:30–11:30

Registration Begins (*Fine Arts Center Lobby*)

11:15–1:30 p.m.

Lunch (*Huden*) Saturday arrivals must pay at the door

11:30–12:15 p.m.

BIPOC drop-in (*Jeffords 213*)

12–3 p.m.

“Light and Easy” opportunities to visit

1–3 p.m.

Pool Open (*Glenbrook Gym*)

2–5 p.m.

Registration Continues (*Fine Arts Center Lobby*)

2:30–5:15 p.m.

Childcare Open: (*Castleton Hall, 102*)

3:15–5:00 p.m.

JYM Kindergarten–6th Gr (*Glenbrook Gym*)

3:15–5:00 p.m.

JHYM 7th–9th Gr (*Hoff Hall Conf. Rm*)

3:30–4:45 p.m.

Home Groups

4:45–6:45 p.m.

Dinner (*Huden*)

6 p.m.

Twelve-Step Program (*Stafford, 1st floor lounge, near 122*) and online (see page 2 for info about how to get the Zoom link)

6 p.m.

Orientation for First-Time Attendees (outside the dining hall)

6:45–8:00 p.m.

Opening Celebration (all ages) (*Fine Arts Ctr Auditorium*)

7:30–8:30 p.m.

JYM (*Glenbrook Gym*)

7:30–9:00 p.m.

JHYM (*Hoff Hall Conf. Rm*)

8:30–10:00 p.m.

Registration continues (*Fine Arts Center Lobby*)

EARLY ON SUNDAY

6:30–7 a.m.

Early Morning Programmed Worship: Marian Baker (Weare MM), traveling minister among women in East Africa (*Herrick Auditorium, Stafford*)

6:45–8:45 a.m.

Breakfast

8:45–11:00 a.m.

Worship (*Pavilion*) transitioning to **Bible Half Hour** (*Fine Arts Center*) We'll begin with an interactive, intergenerational worship. Just before 10:00 a.m. the children go to their programs and adults will proceed to the Fine Arts Center. Regina Renee Ward will be offering the Bible Half Hours. Golfcarts will be on hand to help those who need assistance. See back for COVID guidelines at this worship.

Because Friends in worship will approach the “pools” of water and canvases, and singing will be part of this worship, Friends, please **mask** during this worship for everyone's safety.

The *Yearly Meeting News* is available Sunday–Wednesday mornings at breakfast, the Info Desk, and on the web at neym.org/sessions. Drop off submissions at the Info Desk Saturday thru Tuesday by 1:30 p.m. or submit in email to ymnews@neym.org. Announcements not specifically related to Sessions will **not** be included in the *YM News*.

listed when possible. Gluten-free items will be noted; please leave these items for the folks who need them. If you have allergies and are unsure about whether an item is safe for you, please feel free to ask Castleton Dining Service staff or Jana Noyes-Dakota, NEYM Access Coordinator, access@neym.org.

Dining Hall Suggestions: Please leave trays for those with young children and mobility challenges. Encourage parents with small children to go to the head of dining lines and offer to help. A few reusable “clamshell” boxes may be available to carry out food for mealtime meetings. Consider bussing tables for others to reduce trips.

No Running Zones: Please do not run in front of the cafeteria and other busy areas! Please be careful not to bump into Friends. Please remember to wear your mask when not actively eating. Outside seating is available again this year.

Enjoy the Sessions Video Library: Enjoy the Sessions Video Library from wherever you are. A new experiment this year, the Library is a growing collection of short videos from New England Friends to share how the Spirit has been at work in their life, meeting, or ministry over the last year. Some videos are already posted and can be accessed at <https://neym.org/sessions-video-library>.

You are invited to chat with Kathleen Wooten, Online Experience Coordinator and YM Social Media Manager, about outreach and social media/web presence and policy in our meetings. Find her in the dining hall, after meeting for business, or reach out on Twitter/Facebook/Instagram @Quakerkathleen or the NEYM media platforms!

What to say to young people instead of “You’re so tall!” It can be amazing how much younger Friends have grown since we were last together! However, hearing “You’ve grown so much!” can get old pretty fast—and is not much of a conversation starter. For those who are conscious about their appearance, it can also reinforce the idea that others are concerned about or evaluating them based on how they look. Here are some conversation starters you can use instead:

1. “It’s great to see you! What’s something you got to do this summer that you liked?”
2. “I’ve missed seeing everyone/you at Yearly Meeting. How have you been?” or “What are some things you have loved doing over this past year?”
3. “I’m so glad you are here! What are you looking forward to this week?” or “What is something you enjoy about Yearly Meeting?”

12-Step Online Link: The Quaker 12-step group will be meeting every evening at 6PM as a hybrid, in person/Zoom meeting, beginning on Saturday. Folks who feel they can’t make it in person can log onto the meeting. To get the link please email Juliet Wright at <julietann@comcast.net>.

YOUNGER FRIENDS AND PARENTS/SPONSORS

Child Care (Ages 0–4 years) Hours today: 2:30–5:15 p.m. Find us in Castleton Hall, Suite 102 (first floor).

We are aware that some children will need extra time to feel comfortable staying with us; Families are welcome to come anytime after 2 today to say hello, hangout, and check out the space. The first home group is at 3:30, so there will be a lot of time for this first transition. We can’t wait to see you! *Rainer Humphries, coordinator 617-712-6959*

JYM (Kindergarten–6th Grade) Program times today: 3:15–5:00 p.m. and 7:30–8:30 p.m. in Glenbrook Gym

Saturday afternoon is an optional time to see everyone before our first opening program Saturday night while the first adult home groups meet. Feel free to use this time to unpack and settle in. **Orientation:** Informal orientation following Saturday Evening’s Opening Celebration. Families are welcomed to walk down with staff to our program space in the Glenbrook Gym for an optional orientation and welcome. Looking forward to our week!

Kenzie Burpee, coordinator 774-217-0623.

JHYM (7th–9th Grade) Program Times today: 3:15–5:00 p.m. and 7:30–9:00 p.m. in Hoff Hall Conf. Room

Mandatory Orientation Meeting: All JH’ers and at least one parent or sponsor, please. Tonight at 8:40 p.m. in our group space. It is an important opportunity for us to introduce ourselves and for parents, sponsors, and young people to hear about the week’s schedule and JHYM’s expectations for building a safe, joyful and inclusive community. I value your time tremendously and keep orientations to no more than 20 minutes! Please join us. We are so looking forward to this week!

Gretchen Baker-Smith, coordinator 508-287-6441

Saturday Bookstore hours: 1:00–5:00 p.m.

Come in today to sign up for a volunteer shift in either bookstore this week, and get a free treat!

The **Children & Family Bookstore** in the **Campus Center** has welcoming space with books for little and bigger kids plus their caregivers and teachers. There are plenty of comfy spaces for snuggling and reading aloud.

Books for young and old adults, t-shirts, crafts, and—if you get lucky and the barista is in—a nice, hot latte are in the **General Bookstore** in **Jeffords**.

Beautiful crafts and creative doodads made by NEYM’s many artists in residence—plus piles of delicious Fair Trade chocolate bars—are for sale in both stores. Make the rounds! All purchases support the Yearly Meeting and our wonderful independent book suppliers, many of which are Quaker entities.

