

Call to Mountain Friends Camp 2018

Dear Friends,

This July will be the ninth summer of Mountain Friends Camp! We need your help to give more young people the chance to experience supportive community, simple outdoor living, creative fun, and living Quaker testimonies. Please consider if you, or someone you know, may feel led to participate this summer, and help us spread the word to new families and summer staff!

2018 Dates: Staff Dates: July 2-29; Session I: July 7-14; Session II: July 15-28

Ages: Campers ages 10-15 (or entering 5th-10th grade), Counselors in Training ages 16-17, and adult staff of all ages. Staff positions needed this year are program manager, kitchen manager, counselors, cooks, medics/nurse, and lifeguards.

Location: Collins Lake Ranch, Mora New Mexico. After a successful pilot program in 2017, we are returning for the full season to Collins Lake Ranch. Their mission is to provide meaningful opportunities to people with developmental disabilities who desire to participate in a rural mountain community. We enjoyed learning about our new partners and building community through daily shared meals and activities, and were grateful for the new campground area with yurts and a bathhouse just for our group. The alpacas, chickens, horses, and friendly Great Pyrenees dogs added to the community too! See www.collinslakeranch.org for more information and pictures of the ranch.

Program: Every summer our staff collaborate and plan activities based on their diverse talents and interests, and sense of what would best help our campers have fun, grow, and experience Quaker testimonies. The activities vary each week, and include hikes, arts and crafts, drama, singing, music, cooperative games, canoeing, backpacking trips, archery, folk dancing, creative writing, peace and social justice discussion and practice, nature free time, storytelling, campfires, compassionate listening, and visits with peacemakers and other local nonprofits. Outdoor unprogrammed Quaker worship and small group worship sharing, as well as chores and tasty wholesome meals are a daily part of camp life. Most days campers choose a “plork” (play+work) project such as kitchen help, gardening and animal care, trail work, maintenance projects, and other camp or community service.

Your donations help make camp possible each summer for a diverse group of campers. Please consider giving this year, and asking your Meeting to support Mountain Friends Camp and help more families with camperships!

Visit www.MountainFriendsCamp.org to learn more, register, and donate. Checks may be sent to MFC at 2455 Race St, Denver, CO 80205. Contact Anastacia Ebi at director@mountainfriendscamp.org // 435-554-1132 with any questions.