

Participant Expectations and NYYM Agreements for Summer Sessions 2019

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We come to Yearly Meeting sessions to create a Blessed Community in which to discern and carry out the work that the Divine leads us to. In order to be fully and authentically present to each other as a faith community, we have agreements that guide our behavior toward each other and towards the whole body, ensuring safety and comfort for all of us, starting with living into our Testimonies of integrity, simplicity, peace, and equality. We have long agreed that our time together will be free of alcohol regardless of the policy of our host facility, and the use of illegal drugs is unwelcome and illegal, no matter where we gather. Those among us who struggle with addictions must find a safe and supportive community among Friends.

By registering for Summer Sessions, Friends are committing to honor these Testimonies and agreements, and we are all, younger and older, expected to abide by them. Parents and guardians are asked to speak with their youngsters about their behavior, and everyone attending Summer Sessions is asked to take the agreements seriously. We'll have a poster stating our agreements on the Inn porch, if you'd like to sign!

Given these agreements and the rules of staying on Silver Bay campus, Friends must restrict their tobacco smoking to those areas designated by Silver Bay (smoking is not allowed in guest rooms), and must refrain from the use of alcohol and illegal substances. If you engage in these activities, you (and possibly your family or guardian) may be asked to leave Summer Sessions. A vibrant community recognizes that open conflict is a call for growth and an invitation to change. Members of the **Committee on Conflict Transformation (CCT)** will be available all week to help Friends seeking to address conflict in healthy and constructive ways. The **Child Sexual Abuse Investigation Team (AIT)** will also be available all week. These individuals will be introduced at the **Sunday Opening Worship** and listed in the Sunday Quaker Update. If you witness or hear about something that you are uncomfortable addressing yourself, please seek out a member of CCT or AIT as soon as possible. A CCT member or AIT member will report back to you on your concern, and also to the community if the AIT determines that to be necessary.

1. ALL attenders are expected to:

- If 18 years or older, register yourself and dependents with New York Yearly Meeting by the registration deadline, to facilitate the YM's logistical planning;
- Attend the activities of New York Yearly Meeting, including but not limited to Opening Worship, Community Worship in the morning, Worship Sharing, Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business, committee meetings, JYM events, and Closing Worship;
- Wear a Silver Bay name badge as required for all attenders (lost badges incur a \$2 replacement charge);
- Observe safety precautions, such as swimming only when a lifeguard is on duty, and never swimming or hiking alone;
- Honor the NYYM agreements and expectations, keeping in mind also New York State laws regarding the use of illegal drugs and the legal age for drinking alcohol (see the first paragraph of our agreements);
- Parent(s), guardians, or chaperones for children under 18 years old assume responsibility for the safety and well-being of that person. Together, adults and youth should commit to a specific bedtime and at least once-daily check ins.

2. Attenders under 18 years old are expected to:

- Register with Junior Yearly Meeting in the company of their parent, legal guardian, or chaperone;
- Youth under the age of 18 must room WITH their parent(s), guardian, or chaperone, or be in an adjoining room;

- Honor the NYYM agreements and expectations, keeping in mind New York State laws regarding the use of illegal drugs and the legal age of drinking alcohol (see the first paragraph of our agreements);
- Wear a Silver Bay name badge as required for all attenders (lost badges incur a \$2 replacement charge).