

Registration Form

PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 15, '10

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Arriving: _____ Leaving: _____

Weekend Fee of \$40 covers food, use of the site, and expenses. After April 15th, fee increases to \$50. Make checks payable to Illinois Yearly Meeting. Prepayment is not required to attend but tell us in advance if you'll be joining us!

I can arrive early on Friday or stay late on Sunday to help with setup or closing. Clean up and preparation is extensive and **closing goes much better with plenty of hands.**

Send Registration to:

IYM Women's Weekend
c/o Sharon Haworth
605 W. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801
shaworth@sbcglobal.net
Phone: 217-384-9591 (home)

No Child Care is available. Dependent infants under 2 are welcome. Please seek help from your monthly meeting for older children.

Purpose

The women of Illinois Yearly Meeting gather together each spring.

The time provides the opportunity to share journeys, to enlarge our circle of friendship with Quaker women, to hold each other in loving support, and to honor all women as we seek to grow in the depth of our being and in Light.

Women find their voices, sing their songs, and tell their stories, mingling the rich varied stories of young and old and in-between as we unmask together ourselves and our lives.

All women are invited to become part of the gathering.

Questions?

Coordinators

Beth Schobernd 309-454-3277
beth.schobernd@gmail.com

Kelly Schobernd 309-820-0597
bagemaker@verizon.net

Emergencies

Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies

Marshall-Putnam Medical Clinic 815-339-6245
322 S. McCoy

St. Margaret's Hospital 815-664-1464
Spring Valley

THE MEETING HOUSE 815-882-2214

WAYS OF PRAYER

A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR ILYM WOMEN

APRIL 23-25, 2010

Illinois Yearly Meeting House

McNabb, Illinois





WOMEN'S WEEKEND



“Prayer is not an old woman’s idle amusement. Properly understood and applied, it is the most potent instrument of action.”– Mahatma Gandhi

The Program

In this retreat, participants will explore various approaches to prayer in daily life. We will think about our theology of prayer, name the natural ways that we are already praying, and practice some new ways of prayer. You are encouraged to bring comfortable clothes, a journal, your Bible, and a photograph of someone important to you.

Our Facilitator

Summer Cushman is in her final year of study at Earlham School of Religion. She will graduate with her Masters of Divinity degree this May. Summer currently worships at Lafayette Friends Meeting (OVYM) in Lafayette, Indiana. After graduation she hopes to continue her work in retreat ministry, offering spiritual direction and retreats focused on spirituality, embodiment and creativity.

The Fees

The fee for the weekend is \$40. Those unable to meet the cost are asked to assess what they can contribute. No one is turned away due to lack of funds. Young women of high school age are welcome at no cost. We encourage Quaker women to attend. Those women working to plan the event will be reimbursed for their expenses.

The Schedule

FRIDAY

- 6:30-7:30 Dinner (Clear Creek women)
- 7:30-9:00 Program with Summer
- 10:00 “Lights out” – quiet on sleeping floor

SATURDAY

- 6:00 bird walk; yoga on the front porch (optional)
- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00-11:30 Program with Summer
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (Bloomington-Normal/Spoon River women)
- 1:00-3:00 Free time
- 3:00-5:00 Program with Summer
- 5:30-6:30 Dinner (Southern Illinois women)
- 7:00-8:00 Worship sharing
- 8:00-9:00 Pajama Fashion Show¹
- 1Maha0:00 “Lights out” – quiet on sleeping floor

SUNDAY

- 6:00 Birdwalk/Yoga (optional)
- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00 Women’s Weekend Business Mtg.
- 10:00-11:00 Cleanup
- 11:00-12:00 Worship with Clear Creek Friends

¹Bring a wrapped token prize, because everybody wins. Feel free to bring a talent to share. Pajamas (and prizes) may or may not emphasize the weekend’s theme.

NOTE: Please try to arrive before dinner on Friday so you can set up your sleeping accommodations.

The Details

The Meeting House is at 14365 N 350th Ave. in McNabb. It is ½ mile east of IL Rt. 89 about 1 mile south of McNabb and 2 miles north of Magnolia, IL.

Lodging is available in the Meeting House. For other alternatives, contact Sharon Haworth at shaworth@sbcglobal.net.

Bring a sleeping bag, towels, toiletries, musical instruments/drums/voices, games, song books, reading materials, writing materials, and anything else you must have.

Although the Meeting House and its restroom are wheelchair accessible, the dining room is not. Meals can be served on the main floor where program activities are conducted and where most women sleep.

Food: Friday supper will be provided by Clear Creek women. Saturday lunch will be provided by Bloomington-Normal/Spoon River women. Saturday dinner will be provided by Southern Illinois women. Breakfast foods will be provided. Individuals may bring snacks to share. More food information will be provided by email to those who register. If you have food allergies, please indicate that in your registration. Also, given our interest in emphasizing spiritual/mental/ physical health, we want to emphasize low fat, whole grain, vegetarian/vegan alternatives. Also we want to carefully consider the expenditures for meals. All of us want to nurture our group well, to provide healthy food, and as we do for IYM, allow around \$2.50 per person per meal.