

## Registration Form

*Please register by April 11, 2014*

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Meeting:

Lodging:

Food Allergies/other accommodations needed:

Arriving:

Leaving:

**Weekend Fee of \$45 covers food, use of the site, and expenses. After April 11, fee increases to \$55.**

Prepayment is not required to attend.

Preregistration helps in planning.

### **Paying by**

Check, make out to Illinois Yearly Meeting.

Credit card/PayPal at [ilym.org/payfees](http://ilym.org/payfees).

Name on account:

Cash or Check at retreat

I can arrive early on Friday to help with setup

I can stay on Sunday to help with closing.

**Send Registration to:**

[AdminCoor@ilym.org](mailto:AdminCoor@ilym.org)

or

ILYM Women's Weekend

5615 S. Woodlawn Ave.

Chicago, IL 60637

**No Child Care is available.  
Please seek help from your monthly meeting.**

### **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*

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### **Emergencies**

Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies

Marshall-Putnam Medical Clinic

322 S. McCoy 815-339-6245

St. Margaret's Hospital

Spring Valley 815-664-1464

ILYM Meetinghouse 815-882-2214

## Sharing Our Stories, Reveling in Joy

Weekend Retreat  
for ILYM Women

April 25 - 27, 2014

Illinois Yearly Meetinghouse  
McNabb, Illinois



### **The Program**

After last women's weekend last year, participants expressed a desire for joyful revelry, free time, and fellowship with one another. As a result, Madelyn Hjertmann (formerly George) will attempt to facilitate several sessions that will give attendees an opportunity to exchange stories and lessons from their lives, to experiment with laughter, to learn each others' most extraordinary secrets, and to nurture the connections that make us feel more playful and alive.

## Our Facilitator

Madelyn Hjertmann, (formerly Madelyn George) helps people simplify their lives, speak their truths more clearly, do their best work, and be more present in their daily lives.

Madelyn is an active member of Illinois Yearly Meeting and Evanston Friends Meeting and is also a longtime participant in traditional Lakota ceremonies. All of her work is based on the belief that simplicity allows individuals to share their gifts more fully, and will help lay the foundation for world peace. Madelyn has a BA in dance with a minor in fiction writing. She is a licensed massage therapist and a certified professional organizer who loves the flying trapeze. Her company, Ideal Space Consulting, works with individuals, businesses, and non-profits in the Chicago area.

## Registration and Fee

The fee for the weekend is \$45. 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 all Quaker women to attend.

The registration PDF form can be filled out, saved with another name and email to:

[AdminCoor@ilym.org](mailto:AdminCoor@ilym.org). Printed copies can be mailed to ILYM Women's Weekend, 5615 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL 60637-1622.

The fee can be sent by check to the above address or paid electronically by credit cards or PayPal at [ilym.org/payfees](http://ilym.org/payfees).

# Women's Weekend

## The Schedule

### FRIDAY

6:30-7:30 Dinner  
7:30-9:00 Program with Madelyn  
10:00 Lights Out (Quiet on Sleeping Floor)

### SATURDAY

7:00-8:30 Breakfast  
9:30-11:30 Program with Madelyn  
12:00-1:00 Lunch  
1:00-3:00 Free Time  
3:00-5:00 Program with Madelyn  
5:00-6:00 Free Time & Singing  
6:00-7:00 Dinner  
7:00-8:00 Worship Sharing  
10:00 Lights Out (Quiet on Sleeping Floor)

### SUNDAY

7:00-8:00 Breakfast  
8:00-9:00 Begin Cleanup  
9:00-10:00 Women's Weekend  
Business Meeting  
10:00-11:00 Finish Cleanup  
11:00-12:00 Worship with  
Clear Creek Friends

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

## The Location

The **Meetinghouse** 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, Illinois.

## The Details

**Lodging** is available in the Meeting House, unheated cabins (no electricity) or in Clear Creek House. Housing in Clear Creek House will be assigned and preference given to those with a need (please indicate needs/wishes on registration form). Women sleeping in Clear Creek House rooms should not expect a private room.

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.

**What to Bring:** Please bring your current journal along with your most embarrassing, vulnerable, strange, naive, or telling journal entry or personal piece of writing from a previous stage of life and any quotes, songs, stories, practices or poems--ranging from deeply true to deeply humorous--that hint at "the Secret to Happiness" for use during our program. Also bring your sleeping bag, towels, toiletries, and the other personal items you will require for two days away from home. You may also wish to bring a yoga mat, song book, musical instrument, and reading materials for your use during the weekend.

**Food:** Dinners/Lunches are provided by Meetings (TBD). Shared Breakfast foods will be provided. Individuals may bring snacks to share.

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. All of us want to nurture our group well, to provide healthy food, and as we do for ILYM, allow around \$2.50 per person per meal.

More food information will be provided by email to those who register.