

Registration Form

Please register by April 15, 2015

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 15, 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.

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

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

Katherine Young 847-791-1293
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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

Writing Our Selves

Weekend Retreat
for ILYM Women

April 24 - 26, 2015

Illinois Yearly Meetinghouse
McNabb, Illinois



The Program

When a parent dies or a child is born, you tell and retell the story. "I was here when I found him," or, "the day started out like any other," you might say.

Human beings create narratives. It's how we process the world, and our place in it. But sometimes, the stories we want to tell are buried, inaccessible. Over the course of three sessions, we'll work to find voice for our stories, both mundane and profound. You can expect lots of writing, ample discussion, some light reading, partner-work and, if you're comfortable, maybe a little soul-baring.

We all have stories, we just need the space to tell them.

Please bring an image or photo (or two) that are particularly meaningful to you.

Our Facilitator

Sarah Terez Rosenblum is a novelist and teacher whose teaching focuses on helping writers find their unique stories. She works one-on-one with students and teaches at The University of Chicago Graham School as well as Chicago's StoryStudio. Her debut novel, "Herself When She's Missing," was called "poetic and heartrending" by Booklist in 2012. She writes for publications and sites including Salon, The Chicago Sun Times, XOJane, afterellen.com, Curve Magazine and Pop Matters. She earned an MFA in Creative Writing from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and now runs the Truth or Lie Live Lit Series.

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. 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.

Women's Weekend

The Schedule

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

7:00-8:30 Breakfast
9:30-11:30 Program
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-3:00 Free Time
3:00-5:00 Program
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: 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. ***Please also bring an image or photo (or two) that are particularly meaningful to you.***

Food: Dinners/Lunches are provided by Meetings. 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.