

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
FOR THE 59TH ANNUAL GATHERING OF

Pacific Yearly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
Monday, August 1, 2005 - Saturday, August 6,
2005
at the Mount Madonna Center, near Watsonville,
CA

About Mount Madonna Center (MMC)

Locale: MCC is about 10 miles from both Watsonville and Gilroy, atop Mount Madonna (about 2000 feet), with a beautiful view of the Monterey Bay. The 355 acres of woods and meadows include hiking trails, volleyball, tennis and basketball courts, a small lake for swimming, gymnasium, a hot tub, and massage center. The Center is somewhat spread out, with about a dozen modern buildings for meeting and sleeping. The plenary area is midway between the dining room and children's area, about 100 yards to each.

MMC's Spiritual Community: MMC is operated by a resident community of about 100 whose daily practice is centered on yoga. Yoga classes are available to PYM attenders at no extra charge.

Housing: There are a variety of housing options available which are described below (see: Instructions for Completing the Registration Form). Due to the size and composition of our group, relatively few regular double rooms are available. If a regular room is essential for you, you might want to consider some of the off site options listed in that section, below.

Food: MMC regards its menu and food service as part of its spiritual community. They serve delicious, highly nutritious vegetarian meals, cafeteria style, including dairy and non-dairy options. Peanut butter, bread and brown rice are available at every meal, and fruit, crackers and tea are available all day. Menus and ingredients will be posted in the dining hall for each meal. There is also a snack bar, open limited hours, which charges separately for its chips, health bars, frozen yogurt, sodas, etc.

Keeping in mind that the food service is part of the community's spiritual practice, be mindful that **NO food or beverage may be brought into MMC**. Persons with special dietary needs are asked to indicate that on the registration form in the space provided. (See, "Special Needs," below.)

Special arrangements will be made to provide snacks for the Children's and JYM programs.

Special Needs: If you check one of the Special Needs items on the Registration Form, a Special Needs Form will be sent to you with your confirmation materials. It will include questions regarding mobility, hearing, diet and other needs, as well as special arrangements that are possible. Most of the activities and meetings will be in accessible spaces, most diet needs can be accommodated, and we will be paying close attention to hearing needs. We also expect to have some shuttles to help with on-site transportation. Contact the Arrangements Clerks **Brian and Dottie Vura-Weis**, 650-529-1325, dottievwe@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

Volunteers: MMC gives us a big discount in exchange for our providing a LOT of help with meal preparation and cleanup, and arranging chairs and tables for meetings and activities. We will need about 12 people per meal, and about 12 people after dinner to help with evening activities. We will also need about 20 people to help set up spaces before PYM, and another 20 to help at the end. And surely we'll need help at other times as well. If you are willing to be a Lead Volunteer in one of these areas, please contact the Arrangements Clerks Brian and Dottie Vura-Weis, 650-529-1325, dottievwe@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the Children's program, as Friendly Adult Presences (FAPs) with JYM, to help in the Bookstore, with the Daily Miracle, with Craft sales, as Special Needs helpers with luggage and meal trays, as shuttle drivers, and, of course, Registration.

Please be sure to check on the registration form how you would like to be of service.

Displays and Committee Meetings: If you would like to reserve display space for your committee or organization, or if you would like to schedule a committee meeting at PYM, please contact Arrangements Clerks Brian and Dottie Vura-Weis 650-529-1325, dottievwe@yahoo.com. Please note that display space is limited.

Communications: The number for MMC is 408-847-0406, FAX is 408-847-2683. Messages may be given to the MMC operator, and there will be a message board in the plenary area. The emergency contact for PYM is 650-269-6555. Public phones are available in many of the buildings, but cell phones may not work. During yearly meeting key people will have walkie talkies for emergency and arrangements needs. Remember to give these numbers to those who may need them.

Shoes: MMC asks that we not wear shoes indoors; wear easy on/off shoes! If this poses a problem for you, booties are available to put over your shoes indoors (check the appropriate box on the registration form.)

Smoking: is allowed only in designated areas. Please do not bring alcohol, recreational drugs, pets or outside food.

Water: it is limited, and we are asked to conserve. There is no laundry available on site.

Pets: are not allowed. You will be asked to leave if you bring yours.

Off-site Housing Notes:

While it would be ideal if we could find a site that perfectly met everyone's needs, that simply is not possible. Here are some options if you find MMC difficult for any reason.

Mt. Madonna County Park: A public campground located approximately two miles from MMC. You may cook some or all of your meals here. In addition to tent

sites, there are RV sites with partial hookups and a shower building is available. The cost is \$18/night for tenting and \$25 for RVs, Seniors, \$9for tents. For reservations call: 408-355-2201 or www.gooutsideandplay.org

Motel Options: We have made arrangements for a "Pacific Yearly Meeting" group rate at the Forest Park Inn in Gilroy. Handicapped accessible rooms are available. We will make an effort to coordinate daily ride-sharing to and from Forest Park Inn. **Single \$52 + 9%tax, Handicap accessible rooms \$52 + 9%tax, Double (up to 4 people) \$58 + 9%tax. Tennis, sauna, spa, pool, refrigerator in room, coffee in lobby, restaurant next door. 800-237-7846. Reserve before July 16,2004 for group rates. Contact the Registrars for more complete listing of motel/B&B options.**

Handicapped accessible rooms are also available at:

Comfort Inn, Gilroy 800-228-2000
Watsonville Motel 6 800-466-8356
Watsonville Red Roof Inn 800-733-7633 or 831 740-4520

You may want to stay at a motel:

- if you need a single room
- if you want to be guaranteed a double with a bath
- if you have trouble with MMC food and need to eat some meals off site
- if you are more comfortable with a handicapped accessible room (there is only one at MMC).

Transportation - We will provide additional transportation information in your registration confirmation. The closest Amtrak to MMC is Salinas or San Jose. Bus service comes to Watsonville or Gilroy. The closest commercial airport is in San Jose. The Airporter bus connects the airport to MMC and can be phoned at 408 866-6608.

Carpooling is encouraged, as parking is limited. A transportation form will be sent with your confirmation with details on carpools, requests for pickup at airport, bus and train stations, etc. Please be

aware that if you schedule travel at times other than at the beginning or end of Yearly Meeting it may be difficult to arrange transportation to MMC for you. The Transportation Coordinator is **John DeValcourt** at 831-423-8785.

For information about ecologically friendly modes of travel to PYM including bicycling and public transportation, please contact Unity With Nature Clerk **Kristina Perry** stina@igc.org

PYM Program Notes

Children's and Middle School Programs

This year we are again providing an exciting program for all age groups. As before, there will be a group for Babies and Pre-Schoolers, a Lower Elementary Group, an Upper Elementary Group, and a Middle School Group. These programs have morning and afternoon sessions. Parent(s) or sponsor(s) are responsible for their children any time they are not signed into their program.

For its second year the Middle School group is designed especially for children around 6th through 8th grade (we say "around 6th through 8th" since it really depends more on the suitability of the program rather than specifically what age the child is). Children of middle school age who participated in JYM last year are of course welcome to do so again this year (with their parent's permission), or they may opt for the Middle School Program where there will be opportunities to interact with JYM in planned joint activities.

If you are unclear which program to choose, please feel free to contact the Children's Program Committee Interim Convener, **Chris Mohr**, 415 665-2994, or by email at mohrandmohr@earthlink.net.

High School - High School students are invited to participate in Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM). JYMers will have an adult-supervised camping area, for those JYMers who are not staying with their parent(s) or sponsor(s). Supervision is provided by adults serving as "Friendly Adult Presences" ("FAPs"). Adults selected

as room FAPs have their lodging and meals paid by JYM. If interested please contact Judy Malcolm elfff@sbcglobal.net 805 773-5839.

For all attenders under the age of 18 - an adult sponsor or a parent must be on site at all times for each person under the age of 18, including day attenders. They must be under the supervision of that adult or signed in to a program at all times. ***A signed medical release form must be turned in to program staff for the child or teen to participate and the sponsor must sign the sponsored minor's registration form.***

Young Friends - Young Friends program is designed for young adults over the age of 18. Young Friends scheduling will allow for worship-sharing with the greater yearly meeting as well as with Young Friends. If you want to do worship-sharing with the greater yearly meeting, please indicate that on your registration form so you will be put in a group. Contact **Martin Otero**, Young Friends co-Clerk at:

515 First St.

Davis, CA 95616

Phone after 7PM: 415 336-4885

Email: mdotero@ucdavis.edu

(Please include "Young Friends PYM" in subject area so questions may be fielded as soon as possible.)

- Interest Groups - Interest groups must be sponsored by PYM committees or Quaker organizations. Tentative yearly meeting plans at this point include three time slots (90 minutes each) for interest groups, with 6 rooms allocated, for a total of 18 interest groups. Complete interest group proposals should be submitted by Thursday, June 2 to Bob Runyan, Assistant to the Clerk, 11635 Oak Ridge Trail, Loma Rica, CA 95901, bobrunyan@hotmail.com 530 749-2578.

Affinity Groups - These are groups for people of like-interest. As a participant you do not need to sign-up in advance, unless you are participating in Bible Study (see below). If you envision creating an Affinity Group at PYM, please contact the Arrangements clerks Brian and Dottie Vura-Weis 650-529-1325,

dottievwe@yahoo.com, as soon as possible to see if space will be available.

Bible Study - During recent years, 2 to 3 sections of Bible study have met daily for a period of 4 - 5 days. On the tentative 2005 PYM schedule, the possible time slots for Bible Study are 7 to 8 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday (5 sessions) and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday (4 sessions). In order to guide us in arranging this year's Bible study sections, please indicate on your registration form if you intend to participate in Bible study and in which time slot. Depending on interest and on availability of facilitators, we may set up Bible study sections for one or the other or both time slots.

Instructions and Notes for Completing the Registration Form

Dates: PYM begins Monday August 1, 2005 with registration beginning at 2:00 p.m. Dinner will be the first meal (6:00 p.m.) and the evening plenary (Roll Call) will begin at 7:15 p.m. PYM ends Saturday, August 6, 2005 following a 1:00 p.m. snack.

How to Fill Out the Form:

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Family Last Name - Complete the identifying information at the top, including one "Family Last Name" which we will use to locate your record when you arrive. If you give us your email address we can send your registration confirmation and advance documents by email and save postage.

If there are individuals in your family or group whose contact information and/or meeting or worship group are different from yours, you might want to consider using separate forms. (You can still pay the registrations together.)

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Complete one line in the box in the middle of the form for each person in your family or group who will be attending Yearly Meeting.

- *Please provide each person's age.* This information is needed for both program and facility-use planning. We will not intentionally reveal your age to anyone who has no business knowing it.
- *Worship-Sharing Groups* - are small groups that meet daily and share responses to queries. For many Friends these groups are the most meaningful time at Yearly Meeting. If you plan to attend the whole week and you want to be assigned to a group, check the box (or, if you are a couple and want to be together in a couples worship-sharing group, write a "C".) Drop-in groups are available for people attending less than the entire session.
- Complete either the *Overnight Attenders* OR the *Day Attenders* section for each person.

Housing Types- Please sign up for the cheapest accommodation you can. We have very few high-end rooms available and will allocate them largely based on needs you tell us about. If you have a preference for one type but could handle another state that too.

- *Double (\$86)* - these rooms are in various buildings, most with baths down the hall. No towels provided.
- *Triple (\$78)* - these rooms are in various buildings, most with baths down the hall. No towels provided.
- *4-7 Dorms (\$70)*- have 4 beds and loft space for 3 pads
- *Economy Dorms (\$64)* - have floor pads for 10-15 people.
- *Young Friends* - will have an economy dorm space set aside for rooming together.
- *Camping(MMC Tent \$56; Own Tent \$50)* - there are 5 "carry-in" camping areas, some in meadows, some in the woods. All are up or down hills and have nearby outhouses and some outdoor showers. You may use your own tent, and MMC also provides tents (they will sleep up to 2 adults and 2 children; they are equipped with pads, which are set up ahead by MMC). Again, no food is permitted. If you

have a preference of campsite locale, you may indicate that. However, we cannot guarantee a particular campsite in advance.

- *JYM (\$50)* - will have a group tenting area near their meeting room.

Note: There are relatively few bathrooms and showers for a group this size when everyone is trying to get ready at the same time. Please consider showering during free time or in the evening. Also, remember that campers will be also using bathrooms in the buildings, especially for showers.

- *Commuter(\$30)* - per day. No overnight lodging and does not include meals.
- *Meals* - Overnight lodging fee includes dinner, breakfast and lunch. Commuters must purchase meals - Breakfast is \$5, Lunch is \$8, and Dinner is \$8. You may choose to buy breakfast and/or lunch & dinner. Please remember that no food is to be brought to MMC.
- Commuters - there is no charge to attend the Monday evening opening plenary.
- There is no separate program fee.
- Children aged 2 to 12 years are ½ the cost of all of the above rates.
- Children under the age of 2 can attend PYM free of cost.

Calculate the fees - Calculate the cost for each person at the end of the row. For example: the cost of an adult staying all week in a "Triple" room would be \$390.

Donations - may be made for scholarships and/or PYM costs. Since many who attend PYM are unable to do so without financial assistance, if you are able to make a donation, please consider doing so to allow others to attend regardless of income.

Total your fees - Before you add up the costs at the bottom of the form, read

about *Registration Deadlines* and *Financial Assistance* below.

Registration Deadlines:

Early Registration Discount: You may take a 5% discount off the total cost of your registration if the form and full payment are postmarked no later than **June 5, 2005**.

If you do not wish to pay in full, you may still submit your registration form before June 5, 2005. You may enclose as little as 25% and your balance will be due upon arrival at Yearly Meeting. You will not receive a discount.

Standard Registration - Registrations postmarked June 6, 2005 through July 6, 2005 will be treated as standard registrations. No discounts apply, but no late fees will be assessed. You may enclose as little as 25% and your balance will be due upon arrival at Yearly Meeting. **It helps us if you pay as much of your fee as possible in advance.** We hope to guarantee meals & lodging to all registrations postmarked through July 6, 2005, unless we exceed our registration limit before that time.

(*Note:* Register early - MMC can accommodate only 500 attenders. In past years we have had an average attendance over 480 people.)

Late Fees Apply - Registration forms postmarked July 7, 2005 or later will be assessed a 25% late fee. Late registrations involve a lot of time on the part of the Registrars and Arrangements people, as well as the staff at MMC. They also involve extra costs (ex: long-distance phone calls.) We can not guarantee registrations postmarked July 7, 2005 or later, regardless of the total number of registrations, as we must inform MMC, in advance, of who will be attending.

Refunds - Full refunds are available through July 6, 2005. Cancellations made after this date will be charged a fee equal to one day's registration cost.

Scholarships - Assistance is available and you are encouraged to apply. It is best to

do this promptly, on the separate form provided, which you should submit first to the designated committee of your monthly meeting. If necessary, your monthly meeting can request additional funds from the Yearly Meeting to supplement the support it can offer. (A separate letter will be sent to meeting clerks explaining the scholarship process.)

PYM's scholarship funds are limited, and requests will be considered in the order they are received. Also, please act early enough to take advantage of the 5% discount for registrations mailed on or before June 5. You may submit your registration form even if you are still waiting for an answer on your scholarship request. There's a space on the form to indicate your anticipated scholarship amount. Just pay any remaining estimated balance with your registration.

Friends who are not members or attenders of a monthly meeting, or who have other special circumstances relating to financial assistance needs, should see the separate application form for contact information.

The scholarship application deadline is June 30, 2005.

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Roomates - Please indicate any roommate preference(s) you may have.

Special Needs - Please indicate any special needs you would like us to know about. See more about Special Needs on pg. 1, above.

Sponsors - If you are under the age of 18 and attending Yearly Meeting without a parent or legal guardian in attendance at all times, you **must** have an adult sponsor who is attending Yearly Meeting the same days and times as you are. Sponsors are limited to sponsoring 2 people at any given time. All sponsors' names and phone numbers must be listed on your registration form and the sponsor must sign the registration form.

Mail the completed registration form and your check or money order payable to **Pacific Yearly Meeting**, or **PYM**, to:

Susie Stanley, PYM Co-Registrar
643 30th Street
Richmond, CA 94804

Questions? Call or email either co-registrar:

- Susie Stanley at 510 237-8382 or pymregistrar@yahoo.com

OR

- Kate Newlin at 510 579-6771 or lutzjump@aol.com

This document and other information regarding the 2005 session of Pacific Yearly Meeting can be found online at:

<http://www.quaker.org/pacific-ym/>

After You Register

You will be sent confirmation materials. If you provide us with an email address (this is preferred), the confirmation will be sent to your email address. Otherwise, materials will be sent to your mailing address.

OTHER CONTACT INFO: (Not listed above)

Clerk of PYM: Jim Anderson
janderson@csuchico.edu
530 345-3429

Assistant to the Clerk: Bob Runyan
boBrunyan@hotmail.com
530 749-2578