

Parents/guardians should note that outside of scheduled program times, JYM staff are not on duty.

Volunteers!

We would love to have you join us- read books, help with craft projects, run around after a soccer ball, or just sit and chat. If you're interested, please talk to one of the program coordinators or a JYM Co-Clerk.

Sunday Morning Child Care

For those parents attending Sunday Morning Business Meeting, child care is provided- as long as parents sign up for before end of JYM 4pm, Saturday. (You can find sign-up sheets in the nursery (Smith) or Smith Lounge (afternoon, evening program location)).

Afternoon Parent Coop

Since there is no JYM sponsored program during the 4-5 hour time slot, in past several years, parents have organized their own parent-led and staffed co-op "aftercare" for rising K to rising 5th on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4 pm (when workshops end) until 5 pm (when dinner begins). Parents who want their children to participate must sign up to work one shift. Please attend the interest group on Wednesday afternoon to organize and sign up. If unable to attend, you can sign up to work a required slot in Smith Hall Lounge. Please See the Daily Minute or posted signs for the location of the Wednesday afternoon meeting.

Carol Seddon Phillips

Alex Bean

Welcome to Junior Yearly Meeting 2019 (Infant-Rising 8th grade)

Welcome to Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM)! We look forward to meeting newcomers and catching up our returning children. Our program offers your child the opportunity to learn about our shared Quaker values, develop, make friendships and have lots of fun. This year we explore "Quaker Seeds".

All programs for children infant through rising 5th grades will be held in the basement of Smith Hall. The JYFs will meet in the lounge in the basement of Meyran Hall. If you have any concerns with the program, please, let staff or clerks (Carol Seddon or Alex Bean), so we can address them as soon as possible.

This brochure includes an overview of our programs, staff, and specific meeting locations. For day to day details or changes, please read the *Daily Minute*.

The basic structure of our program remains the same as in the past. We are divided into three basic sub-groups: **Nursery and Preschool**, **Elementary children** and **JYF Friends (rising 6th through rising 8th graders)**. Each group has a program during morning business session, afternoon workshops and evening plenary/committee meetings.

Nursery and Preschool Coordinator - Melanie Gifford

(9:20 am - 12:10 pm, 1:50 - 4:10 pm, 7:20 - 9:10 pm)

Infants, toddlers, and preschoolers spend their days, lovingly tended to, while they play indoors and outdoors. They choose from lots of toys, books, craft materials and outdoor toys to aid their play.

Morning Classes

(9:20 am - 12:10 pm)

Children who will attend kindergarten through fifth grade go to structured classes in the morning divided into three age groupings. The following teachers will be the three groups: Kathy Funkhouser, and Becca Gardner- rising K/1st graders, Ellen Arginteanu and Ruth Fitz - rising 2nd and 3rd graders and Karen Daniels and Joanna Fitzick - rising 4th and 5th grades.

Afternoon and Evening Programs

Coordinators - Karen Cunnygham/Charlotte Boynton

(Afternoon 1:50 - 4:10 pm, Evening 7:20 - 9:10 pm)

Rising kindergartners through rising 5th graders join together for their afternoon and evening activities. It is a wonderful time to develop the friendships while they engage in free-er play. We have great crafts available along with games, sports equipment, books, and snacks. On Thursday afternoon, many in the group go to the community pool. On Wednesday evening the Young Friends and Junior Young Friends join the younger children for games or to hang-out. Each afternoon begins with a circle to welcome newcomers and help orient the children to the day's activity and each evening they close with a half hour of snack and sharing.

Junior Young Friends (JYFs)- Coordinator Amrit Moore

(9:20 am - 12:10 pm, 1:50 - 4:10 pm, 7:20 - 9:10 pm)

Rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, (along with the occasional rising 9th grader) meet morning, afternoon, and evening in the lounge in the basement of Meyran Hall. JYFs have an active schedule with theme focused activities, along with time to share and play. They conduct their own Meeting for Worship for Business meeting, learn experimentally about Quaker process and write their own epistle which they read at the Sunday Business Meeting. Evenings often find them in the Evening Plenary after which they end their day in Produce Department. On Friday evening they have a supervised "lock-down" sleep-over, so JYFs need to bring their sleeping bags.

Special Program Events:

Tuesday evening 6:45-7 parents are invited to meet their child/ren's morning teachers in their classrooms.

Wednesday afternoon 2-4, Intergenerational Plenary. There will be a special plenary for the elementary aged children. (Nursery will be open for those younger than rising K who would find it difficult to be still for that long.)

Thursday afternoon traditionally is an optional JYM swimming event. Afternoon program will run as usual for those who do not wish to go, but it is a very popular event and parents like to tag along. Definitely, bring a swim suit! Watch the *Daily Minute* for details.

Thursday evening All Age Celebration is a time of fun, games and eating ice cream with all ages. It is an opportunity for our entire community to meet, greet and play with those of all ages. The chil-

dren's classes share a craft or other activity with the rest of our community. Please visit their tables.

Friday morning classes begin in Business Meeting for Roll Call and sharing a song. Remember to take your child/ren there instead of their usual classroom/s. They will be taken to their usual classrooms by the teachers.

Friday night JYFs have a lock in sleep over. Please pack a sleeping bag for that night. This is also the night of the BYM coffee house. All are encouraged to perform in groups or solo acts.

Saturday morning at 11:30 am the classes meet for a Meeting for Worship. Parents are invited to join us. Location will be announced in the *Daily Minute*. If you do not attend, pick your child/ren up there.

Saturday night the evening program will meet during the Saturday night plenary.

Child Safety

We take the safety of all the children attending Annual Session very seriously. In addition to generally accepted procedures for ensuring the safety and well-being of the children, we follow Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Youth Safety Policy (found on BYM's website.) If you have any questions about our policies and procedures, or if you have any safety concerns, please talk with your child's teachers or the JYM Clerks.

When children are not in a JYM program, they must be under the supervision of an adult. If your child chooses not to attend a JYM program, he/she must remain with you while JYM is in session.

Children up to rising 5th grade need to be signed in and out of their programs by a parent or other designated adult. JYFs are able to sign themselves in and out, with parent's permission. Please visit their classroom at the beginning of your stay to sign the permission form.

During the transitional years of JYF, kids do not have to be physically with their parents outside of program times. They do remain under the care of and guidance of parents during these hours. For those JYF parents who wish to talk about this time of transition there will be an Interest group Thursday 4:15 (see *Daily Minute*.)