



In commemoration of 100 Years of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Camp Program

On a sunny weekend at the end of August, over 100 F/friends gathered at Catoctin Quaker Camp to mark the 100th anniversary of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's camp program. They shared their love of camp.

1. Transformational Counselors
2. The Goooooon!
3. Unconditional Love
4. Pet Rock
5. Coffee Hollow
6. Capture the Flag
7. Woodpeckers
8. Learning to pee in the woods
9. Berry picking
10. Watermelon seed fights
11. Learning to lead
12. Mad Life Skillz – Communication skillz – Emotional intelligence practice
13. The Compost Lobster
14. The pride of feeling more self-reliant and more responsible
15. The best times crying-laughing with cherished friends
16. Being silly, like dressing up as a superhero to teach about camp safety
17. Being creative, like spending all day on Carfrugen gifts
18. So much singing!
19. My spirit's deep connection to nature was nurtured here!
20. Butt Pud
21. Chosen family
22. The people
23. Coming back with my kids
24. The belief that there is that of God in all of us
25. Fire Circle queries – all ages giving messages
26. Songs
27. Loving, welcoming community
28. Inclusive, supportive, non-judgmental, creative, fun, laughter
29. Challenging
30. Sleeping outdoors
31. Outdoor trips- hiking, canoeing and climbing
32. 4th place cookie awards
33. Thursday night Fire Circles
34. Learning to live and thrive without screens and devices
35. Exploring in Community
36. Telling jokes
37. Making lifelong friends
38. Singing “Wading in the Water”
39. Being in a place where people feel safe sharing from their hearts
40. Sometimes an afternoon activity just has 1 or 2 campers and that is just right
41. Sing Um Up when everyone gets huge applause
42. Making stuff – whittling, candle boats, etc.
43. Learning new songs – silly ones (The Cockroach Song) and beautiful ones (Dona Nobis Pacem)
44. When I have loving support, I can do hard things I didn't know I could do
45. HUGE LIFE LESSONS! Chores don't have to be lame – you can do them with friends, and you can sing! Seriously!

46. Growing up Quaker camp was one of the few places where I could be myself and still be accepted
47. It's all about Love
48. Confidence building for campers and counselors alike
49. Children's messages matter
50. Living outside
51. Trips
52. A living example of a Quaker community – Love and Light in action
53. Apple – onion – apple
54. Rock climbing
55. Overcoming fear
56. Lifelong friendships
57. Teaching children to create personal queries
58. Walking my canoe down the Great Cacapon River
59. You can be the person you want to be
60. You can be at peace with where you are
62. Sweet potato biscuits
63. Nature all over me
64. Hugs and Friends
65. Feeling strong and capable
66. Meeting for Worship in nature
67. A chance to create the beloved community in real life (and make mistakes in creating it and keep trying again and again)
68. Safety and belonging (emotionally)
69. Friendship forever!
70. Walking up in the woods
71. Skinny dipping in Antietam Creek
72. I was taught social skills with love, not ridicule
73. Human connection
74. Amazing compassionate humans
75. Insane, unexpected, unexplainable fun in the Lodge at night
76. Paper bag skits
77. Having people do things they think they can't do
78. Work crew skits
79. Fairy houses
80. Canoeing!!
81. Positive body image modeling
82. Rock Climbing
83. Overcoming Fear
84. Life-long Friendships
85. Learning to eat new foods
86. Teaching children to create personal queries
87. JOY
88. Frazleeram
89. Mud wrestling
90. Queer role models
91. The sound a canoe paddle makes on flat water
92. The counselor snack closet
93. No electronics
94. Camp has given me all my favorite things in life
95. Lifelong Friends
96. I met you here
97. Walking by canoe down the great Cacapon River
98. Crying when you go home
99. Sharpie Tattoos
100. Spirituality in action
101. Learning to try something new
102. Creating magic



