



Ben Lomond Quaker Center – 2026 Program Calendar

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All are welcome to attend Quaker Center programs and events. **All times Pacific.**
Childcare is provided during program sessions at all in-person Quaker Center programs.

January 23-25	Clerking today, with Barbara Babin (in person). Come and learn the basics of the wondrous Quaker practice of Clerking: guiding groups towards collective decisions and actions by helping to discern the Sense of the Meeting. Whether it’s your first time or you’d like a refresher, this program is open to all.
Thursdays in January (Jan 8, 15, 22 & 29) 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lectio Divina and The Great Incarnate Word, with Barbara Birch (online). Using the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina, we will explore Howard Thurman's 1944 prose poem <i>The Great Incarnate Word</i> . This powerful text was a precursor to Thurman's landmark book <i>Jesus and the Disinherited</i> . Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is a way of reading together in a worshipful, contemplative setting, allowing a group to enter more deeply into a text than when using lectures or conversation. No experience necessary.
February 13-16	Young Adult Friends (YAF) Retreat (in person). Are you a young adult Quaker, new attender, or Quaker-curious person? Are you interested in creating community, connecting with nature, and enjoying fellowship and fun with others? Spend a long holiday weekend at Quaker Center doing all that and more. Rain or shine. Stay tuned for more details about this program’s themes and activities.
Mondays in February (Feb 2, 9, 16 & 23) 6:30 – 8 p.m.	Quaker Prayer, with Mary Miche (online). Is there such a thing as 'Quaker Prayer?' Yes! This online workshop will use short videos and guided, worshipful discussion to explore the rich varieties and common threads within the practice and experience of prayer among Friends. Newcomers welcome.
Saturday, Mar 14 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Disaster Preparedness for Friends Meetings, with Rick Narad (online). Some insurance companies have requested that religious groups, including Quakers, develop safety and emergency plans to maintain coverage. Join us for an online workshop with Rick, an emergency management specialist, where we'll review the basics of disaster preparedness and emergency planning, and learn how Quaker Meetings can develop their own plans. This is a free program.
March 20-22	Rising to the Call: Prophetic Witness for an Earth Restored, with Keith Runyan (in person). A weekend workshop with the director of Quaker Earthcare Witness. Through reflection, Quaker worship, and deep dialogue we’ll explore our shared times as a collective rite of passage - shedding illusion, grounding in conscience, and awakening to our unique callings. Inspired by Daniel Berrigan, Bayard Rustin, and Joanna Macy, we’ll ask: <i>‘In the tumult of our times, who was I born to be?’</i>
April 24-26	The 260th session of College Park Quarterly Meeting (hybrid). CPQM’s annual Spring gathering at Quaker Center has been a cherished tradition for generations. Come worship and celebrate with us! All ages welcome. Learn more and register at www.collegeparkquarterlymeeting.org .
Tuesdays in May (May 5, 12, 19, 26) 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	Organizing for Climate Resilience, with Cherice Bock (online). How can Quaker Meetings and other groups effectively organize to try to address climate change? Join climate activist and North Pacific Friend Cherice Bock in this online workshop to learn about ways Friends and others can come together to discern collective, spirit-led actions to respond to the climate emergency.
May 15-17	The Quaker MBA? with Eric Lindner (in person). Based on his long experience in the business world and as a teacher at Georgetown University, <i>and</i> as a Quaker at Central Coast Friends Meeting, Eric will unpack the reasons why “business ethics” isn’t an oxymoron. A business advantage, the Quaker Testimonies can be applied and used for good in the world of commerce. All are welcome to attend.
June 14-20 June 21-28	Quaker Center Camp (in person). Help a kid or teen get to QC Camp for an unforgettable overnight summer experience of friendship, fun, service, art and Friends’ values. Once again, two sessions this year: one for rising 5 th to 7 th graders, followed by a week-long Teen Service Camp for rising 8 th to 10 th .
July 28 – August 2	Family Work Camp, with Ben Hofvendahl and many others (in person). A week of Quaker Center work projects, fellowship and good times. See old friends and make some news ones. Don’t miss it.
September 4-7	Fall harvest gathering. Apples, music, family fun, rest, Quaker worship, and enjoying Quaker Center.
September 25-27	Silent retreat, with Will Meecham (in person). Will Meecham has fond memories of attending silent retreats here thirty years ago, and is led to help return this beloved tradition to Quaker Center. Simple and silent, in the manner of Friends. Open to all, no experience necessary.
October 16-18	The 261st session of College Park Quarterly Meeting (hybrid). The fall session of CPQM.
December 4-6	Quaker Center’s 16th Annual Music and Dance retreat (in person). Hooray! It’s time for Music and Dance – a weekend of festive fellowship in the redwoods. Plenty of singing, jamming, workshops and fun, and capped as always with a Saturday night dance with a real caller and fiddler. All are welcome.
Dec. 28 – Jan. 1, 2027	To Be Transformed, with Emily Provance (in person). - <i>When we are transformed, we love all humanity in a new way</i> - This year-end retreat will explore the way in which our relationship with the Divine transforms and affects our relationships with other people. Spend the turning of the year with friends and fellowship among the redwoods, and begin the year to come with a sunrise Meeting for Worship.