

Ben Lomond Quaker Center – 2027 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 most in-person Quaker Center programs.

January 29-31	**Quakers and Anger, with Paul Jolly and Robin DuRant (in person).** Angry Quakers? Everyone feels anger, but as Quakers we don't tend to discuss this 'prohibited' feeling. This weekend workshop will give us a chance to constructively unpack our feelings of anger, and the ways we're taught to repress it. We'll use fun, games and humor to treat this serious topic.
Tuesdays: Feb 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2 & 9 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	**The Eternal Now, with Barbara Birch (online).** In this six-week online series, participants will learn to use *Lectio Divina* (reading and writing together in a worshipful, contemplative setting) to explore Thomas Kelly's essay The Eternal Now. Kelly lays out a Quaker theology of Nonviolence, and describes Truth, Embodiment, Power, Testimony, Community and Suffering. No experience necessary.
February 12-15	**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 3-day 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.
March 19-21	**Right Relationship with Native Peoples: what does it mean in your life? with Paula Palmer and Lydia Breunig (in person).** This program will prompt participants to explore this question through personal reflections, experiential exercises, and worship sharing. How do our family and our Quaker histories intertwine with Native peoples? Where wounds persist, how can we take steps toward healing?
April 23-25	**The 263rd 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.
May 14-16	**Healing the Earth, and ourselves, with Nate Secrest (in person)**. Nate is a lifelong Quaker and gardener, as well as a nurse and massage therapist. He is led to share and combine the basic principles of permaculture design, massage and bodywork. Come for worship sharing, group gardening, good food and more. Note: a non-contact alternative to massage will also be offered.
June 13-19 June 20-27	**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 5th to 7th graders, followed by a week-long Teen Service Camp for rising 8th to 10th.
July 27 – August 1	**Family Work Camp, with QC Staff and many others (in person).** A week of Quaker Center work projects, fellowship and good times. See old friends and make some new ones. Don't miss it.
September 3-6	**Sing for Joy, with Annie Patterson and Ann Percival (in person).** Annie (Rise Up Singing) and Ann (Wild Asparagus) will lead an intergenerational weekend of joyful singing. Singing together builds resilience, strengthens community, and fosters hope in hard times. This long weekend, we'll connect with each other in large and small groups to share music, games, laughter and more.
September 24-26	**The Power of Enough, with Traci Hjelt Sullivan (in person).** How can we balance our use of time, energy, and 'stuff' to free ourselves to do God's work and contribute to right order in our world? Join the Executive Director of Right Sharing of World Resources to explore these questions and more.
October 15-17	**The 264th session of College Park Quarterly Meeting (hybrid).** The fall session of CPQM.
Tuesdays in Oct: 5, 12, 19, 26 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.	**Quakers and Mysticism, with Margaret Kelso (online).** The mystical current winds through Friends' history, sometimes controversially, right through to the broad diversity of Quaker experience today. This online workshop will use the Friendly Study Method to explore videos and texts treating the question of Quakers and Mysticism. No experience necessary, all are welcome.
Saturday, Oct 30 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.	**DIY Advocacy, with Friends Committee on Legislation of California staff (online).** It's always a good time to learn how we can influence our state laws and budget. The FCLCA is a lobbying and advocacy organization in our state capital that California Quakers and supporters have faithfully sustained for 75 years. In this online workshop, we'll learn about budget and legislative processes and ways that Meetings and individuals can join the lobbying that FCLCA does in Sacramento from their homes.
Thursdays: Oct 28; Nov 4, 11, and 18 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	**Bubbling Springs: The Life & Writings of Margaret Fell, with Shulamith Clearbridge (online).** Margaret Fell is often called "the mother of Quakerism" because of her pivotal role in establishing the Religious Society of Friends. Using stories and reflection in small and large groups, this workshop will give participants an opportunity to learn about Margaret and spend time with some of her writings.
November 12-14	**Western Friend Writing Retreat: The Transformative Journey, with Caitlin Churchill and Casey Chaffin.** As the editor of Western Friend, Caitlin receives writing from Friendly contributors throughout the West and beyond. She sees a hunger for coming together to write and explore life experiences, and knows that writers enjoy receiving constructive feedback and attention to their work. Casey is a Portland-based essayist and freelance journalist. Come engage with the art of essay and personal memoir, while spending time in fellowship at Quaker Center.
December 3-5	**Quaker Center's 17th 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 live band and caller. All are welcome.
Dec 28 – Jan 1, 2027	**The Quaker Center Year-End Retreat (in person). What Matters in the End: Accompanying Oneself or Another in Death, with Dinah Bachrach and Mico Sorrel.** Can we approach mortality from a place of conscious preparation, being aware of our gifts, hopes, needs and fears? At this retreat, we'll explore our experiences with death, dying and caregiving. As always, we'll spend the turning of the year in fellowship among the redwoods, and begin the year to come with a sunrise Meeting for Worship.