



# 2010 Camping Programs of Baltimore Yearly Meeting

## Camp Information and Application

Catoctin Quaker Camp • Shiloh Quaker Camp • Opequon Quaker Camp

### Camp Sessions and Dates

Catoctin, Shiloh, and Opequon		Opequon and Shiloh only	
Session	Dates	Session	Dates
1 <sup>st</sup> two-weeks:	Saturday, June 26 – Saturday, July 10	1 <sup>st</sup> one-week:	Sunday, July 25 - Sunday, August 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> two-weeks:	Sunday, July 11 – Saturday, July 24	2 <sup>nd</sup> one-week:	Sunday, August 1 - Sunday, August 8
3 <sup>rd</sup> two-weeks:	Sunday, July 25 – Sunday, August 8	three-weeks:	Sunday July 11 – Sunday, August 1

**Baltimore Yearly Meeting’s camping programs** provide opportunities for spending extended time living in a functioning Quaker community that encourages tenderness, loving concern, dynamic activity, laughter, respect, work, honesty, silence, and joyful noise.

**Our goal is to foster the kind of self-esteem that facilitates spiritual growth.** Opportunities for such growth are created in the process of supporting campers through challenging experiences. Success in negotiating rapids or exploring artistic creativity offers a deeper strength from which to accept the challenge and risk of turning inward toward the Light. Typically, a camper goes home a more competent, confident person whose spiritual roots have deepened and whose ties to the broader Quaker community have strengthened.

### Contact Information

Please mail applications, payments, and correspondence to **Jane Megginson**, Camp Administrative Secretary, at:

Camping Program Office  
17100 Quaker Lane  
Sandy Spring MD 20860

Email: [jane@bymcamps.org](mailto:jane@bymcamps.org)  
Web: [www.bymcamps.org](http://www.bymcamps.org)  
Phone: (717) 481-4870

### Camp Information

Want more info? [www.bymcamps.org](http://www.bymcamps.org)

**There are three camps:** **Catoctin** and **Shiloh** are residential wilderness camps for campers ages 9-14 offering activities in camp as well as camping trips away from camp. **Opequon** is a rustic residential camp for ages 9-14 with a focus on in-camp and arts activities, also offering short camping trips away from camp. Read on to learn more.

**At Catoctin and Shiloh**, part of each week is spent at camp, and part is spent on trips away from camp. Trips may take campers to various sections of Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. We backpack roads and trails; we canoe the Potomac, Rappahannock, and Shenandoah Rivers; and we give technical rock climbing instruction at several sites. Younger campers will be away from camp for shorter periods of time with less demanding activities than older campers.

Spiritual development is nurtured through daily silent worship at the firecircle, regularly scheduled campfires, and in less formal ways by example and through continuously sharing love. Work projects and chores also play an important part in community life. All meals include a vegetarian alternative.

**Shiloh Quaker Camp** lies on 432 acres of land in Madison County, Virginia, bordering the Shenandoah National Park. In-camp activities include arts and crafts, dance, drama, music, chores, informal sports, and playing in the creek which runs through the property. The nearest city is Charlottesville.

**Catoctin Quaker Camp** lies just below the ridge of Catoctin Mountain and is adjacent to protected state forests and the Frederick watershed. The nearest town is Thurmont, Maryland. Activities in camp include swimming, arts and crafts, informal music and drama, low pressure athletics, and chores. Potters' wheels and a kiln are available.

**Opequon Quaker Camp** is located just north of Winchester, Virginia. The day includes all-camp activities, art projects, games in the playing field, swimming in the pool, and exploring in the creek. Arts activities might include digging Opequon Creek clay to create original pieces for firing; carpentry projects such as building tree houses and tipis; painting lifesize murals; weaving fiber or words; and workshops in theatre, dance and music. See the website for more descriptions.

All campers participate in age and ability appropriate one-night sleepouts away from camp or on the camp property. These are gently challenging community building experiences.

Other activities include cooperative games, exploring in the woods, singing and working together, performances, time to play musical instruments, firecircles, batik, volleyball, puppet making, star gazing, candle making, and tubing on the creek.

Rooted in nature and celebrating our connections to the earth and to one another, we nurture the divine within and around us. We experience community through fun and through working together. Everyone at camp begins the day in worship at the fire circle.

## Application Process

**Online Application:** Many of you took advantage of the online application process last year. We encourage you to continue to use it or try it for the first time. We are making changes to the process to make it smoother. Parents may apply and pay the application fee by credit card online. **If you wish to pay by credit card, you must pay online!**

**To apply online, go to: [www.bymcamps.org/register.htm](http://www.bymcamps.org/register.htm)**

**Application Deadline:** Rolling, spaces allotted as applications received. The sooner you apply, the more likely you will get your first choice!

**Fees and timeline:** A \$50 non-refundable administrative fee **and** a \$250 deposit (a total of \$300) are required when you send your application. Also, scholarship applications should be sent in with your application. The balance of camp fees is due May 15th. Withdrawals of accepted applicants after May 1 will result in forfeiture of the deposit.

**Acceptance Policy:** We believe that our programs work best and change lives most profoundly when campers are able to return each year. We are also committed to serving children within the Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Therefore, priority is given in this order: returning campers, BYM Quakers, other Quakers and then others. Because our camps fill quickly, your prompt response is important. We accept as many children as possible. Please do not ask us to switch your session after assignments are made. We will not consider applications from families with outstanding debt to the camping program. Directors reserve the right to deny acceptance to any applicant.

**Camp handbooks, medical forms, equipment lists,** and the like will be sent **March 15th**. Your \$250 deposit will be refunded to you if you cancel/withdraw by May 1st. This information and much more is also available online at: [www.bymcamps.org](http://www.bymcamps.org)

## Camper Fees

<i>Catoctin, Shiloh and Opequon</i>		<i>Opequon only</i>	
2-week session	4-week session	1-week session	3-week session
\$1200	\$2,400	\$700	\$1,800

**Payment Deadlines:** The balance of camp fees is due **May 15th**. We will no longer collect any payments at camp. You need to have paid in full in advance.

**Payment Methods:** We are accepting payment by credit card online. As always, you can send a check made payable to Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Send to BYM Camps, 17100 Quaker Lane, Sandy Spring MD 20860 with your campers name in the memo line.

## Financial Aid and Workgrants

There are several options for financial assistance: 1.) Monthly Meeting or church scholarship; 2.) BYM Camping Program financial aid; 3.) Work grants. If you need aid, we ask that you first request a **scholarship from your Monthly Meeting or church** if you have one. Most Meetings have camp scholarship programs set up. Money might also be found within your Meeting's religious education budget. Each Meeting handles camp scholarships differently--ask around. We need to receive payment from your monthly meetings by April 15th. Start arranging this now. Parents are responsible for covering any unpaid camper balance by May 15th. Full payment of camper balance must be received by this date.

**BYM Camping Program Financial Aid** is available, but limited. Aid of this type is dispersed on the basis of declared need. The financial aid application is due by with your application or by March 15<sup>th</sup> for best consideration. The scholarship application can be downloaded at [www.bymcamps.org](http://www.bymcamps.org)

**Work grants:** We provide work grants to help families afford camp. What's a work grant? Parents, family members or other adults can work at camp as a cook, maintenance or medical person for a week in exchange for a \$475 credit toward camp fees. Many parents return year after year along with their children and find the adult community at camp very enriching. Parents or other adults may work at one camp while their child attends another. If you would like to be considered for such a position, indicate it on your child's application. **Parents of a first time camper may NOT work at camp the first week your child is at camp.** The exception to this is if your child attends a one week session, you may do a work grant that week. Work grants are not intended for a parent to "keep an eye" on their child at camp. **All work grant volunteers must consent to a criminal background check in order to be eligible to work/volunteer at camp.** If you wish to do a work grant at Catoctin, only one work grant per family can be assigned. If you need more than one work grant, you can do them at Opequon or Shiloh. Teenagers and camp age people are not eligible to do work grants, generally. For more information on the work grant experience, please see our Work Grant Handbook available on our website: <http://www.bymcamps.org/forms/Work%20Grant%20Handbook.pdf>  
Or call Jane at 717-481-4870.

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## Schedule of Important Deadlines: Catoctin, Shiloh and Opequon

**(Clip this and keep it on the fridge as a reminder)**

**March 15** - **Financial Aid Applications** due

**March 15** - Information packets mailed

**April 15** - Scholarships awarded, notifications mailed

**May 1** - Cancel by this date and deposit will be refunded

**May 15** - **Balance due** for camp!