



2010 Camping Programs of Baltimore Yearly Meeting

Teen Adventure Information

Teen Adventure Program • Teen Adventure Leadership Training

Camp Information

Dates: Saturday, July 3 - Sunday, July 25 - TAP and TALT operate simultaneously

Teen Adventure Program (TAP) and Teen Adventure Leadership Training (TALT) are outdoor adventure programs for youth from ages fifteen to eighteen (open only to former campers at Opequon, Shiloh, and Catoclin). The TA program runs several simultaneous three-week-long camping trips, comprised of twelve campers and two trip leaders. The program operates from small base facilities. Campers have considerable responsibility for the day-to-day planning and management of trips, which consist of backpacking, a service project and white-water canoeing for TAP or raft building and floating for TALT.

Campers are encouraged in their emotional and spiritual development as they grow through these wilderness challenges in collaboration with their peers. These trips are rigorous and require campers to be in good shape and up to significant physical and mental challenges.

TALT is offered to the more experienced camper with a stronger focus on leadership skills and training and is generally done after one year of TAP.

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 engaging in a service project 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.

Application Process **Application Deadline:** Opening January 15th and rolling until filled. We expect Teen Adventure to fill quickly, so apply ASAP to reserve your spot!

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, financial aid applications should be sent in at the time you apply. **The balance of camp fees is due May 15th.** Withdrawals of accepted applicants after May 1 will result in forfeiture of the deposit. For complete Refund Policy, please see website: www.bymcamps.org

Online Application: Parents may apply and pay the application fee by credit card online. **To apply online,** go to: www.bym-rsf.org/register.htm Registering online insures your spot instantly, if there is space available.

The process used for admission to the TA programs is as follows:

1. Only returning campers, with no outstanding debt, are considered. Among this group, applications will be accepted first come, first serve.
2. The camping program staff has discretion to deny acceptance to an applicant, to give priority to an applicant for pastoral reasons, and/or to give priority to an applicant of color.
3. Applicants who do not get a spot will be put on the waitlist in the order their applications are received. New applicants to the program are considered only if extra spots are available after serving all returning campers.

Withdrawal: Your \$250 deposit will be refunded to you if you cancel/withdraw by May 1st.

Camp handbooks, medical forms, equipment lists, and the like will be sent to enrolled campers March 15th. This information and much more is also available online at: www.bymcamps.org

Camper Fees: \$2150

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 accept online credit card charges, www.bymcamps.org/payment.htm

As always, you can send a check made payable to **Baltimore Yearly Meeting** to BYM, 17100 Quaker Lane, Sandy Spring, MD 20860 with your camper's name in the memo line

Financial Aid and Work grants

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 application is due by March 15th. The scholarship application can be downloaded at 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>

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
Web: www.bymcamps.org
Phone: (717) 481-4870

Schedule of Important Deadlines (Clip this and keep it on the fridge as a reminder)

- ASAP - **Applications due** with \$50 administrative fee and \$250 deposit (\$285)
- March 15 - Financial Aid application Due
- May 1 - Cancel by this date and deposit will be refunded
- May 15 - **Balance due** for camp!

VIII. Camper Agreement with Teen Adventure & Baltimore Yearly Meeting

The Camping Program Committee, TA Directors and Counselors trust that you will honor its request that you refrain from any use of tobacco, alcohol, or non-prescription drugs while you participate in this program.

I have read and understand this request.

Camper's name: _____ Date: _____

Return application and \$50 administrative fee per camper and \$250 deposit for a total of \$300: **Camping Program Office • 17100 Quaker Lane • Sandy Spring MD 20860 • Questions: jane@bymcamps.org or 717/481-4870**

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