

# FRIENDS CAMP



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*“I knew that I would love it because of all the stories I had heard from my friends. I didn’t know how amazing it would be—the food, the people, the counselors and activities were unforgettable!”*

*New England Yearly Meeting of Friends*

## Here are five fantastic reasons to send your kids to Friends Camp!

1. "We received excellent recommendations from other parents."
2. "I want my child to experience Quaker values and to have the opportunity for spiritual reflection."
3. "I'm impressed by the quality of friendships that she has developed with the other campers."
4. "It's a very affordable camp; we looked at the fees for other two-week camps and found that yours best fits our budget."
5. "We like the idea that our son is learning non-competitive games and is taking part in the creative programming at Friends Camp."



## Welcome

Friends Camp is a co-ed camp for youth ages 7 to 17 that welcomes youth from all races, religious affiliations, national origins, genders, and sexual orientations. Friends Camp is a tolerant community that looks for and finds the best in each camper we are so proud of our campers' ability to love and care for each other.

This brochure introduces you and your family to Friends Camp. If you are new to Friends Camp, check out the forty pages of additional information on our web site. If you want to talk about the camp call Nat Shed, our director, at 207-873-3499. Nat will answer any questions you have about your child's experience at Friends Camp. You can also e-mail Nat at [director@friendscamp.org](mailto:director@friendscamp.org).

For our 2011 season we offer a new three-tiered pricing options. You can pick the camp tuition level that works best for your family. The fee range for two weeks of our regular camp session is from \$760 to \$860. You may also apply for a campership and or set up a monthly payment plan.

Please note that our ability to accommodate youth with physical or mental health issues is limited, but each session we do welcome a few youth who sometimes find it challenging to be accepted and loved in other settings.

When you consider sending your child to Friends Camp or any other summer program, please talk with campers and camper parents about their experience. You can find a list of Friends Camp families at [www.friendscamp.org/references\\_list](http://www.friendscamp.org/references_list).

**At Friends Camp we live by these Quaker values:** Simplicity, Equality, Peace, Integrity, Community and the wonderful idea that the light of God is in everyone.

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*"The non-competitive nature of camp activities coupled with the emphasis on inclusive friendships and respect for diversity made for the perfect camp environment for him."*

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## Spring Schedule

2011

<b>Campership Application Deadline</b> .....	April 30
<b>Spring Work Weekend</b> .....	May 20-22
<b>Open House – Noon to 4PM</b> .....	May 22
<b>Group Rental Opening</b> .....	May 27-30
<b>Group Rental Opening</b> .....	June 3-5
<b>Lifeguard Training</b> .....	June 14-17
<b>First Aid/CPR Training</b> .....	June 18, 2011
<b>Counselor Training Week</b> .....	June 19-25

## Summer Sessions

<b>Tuition Payment Deadline</b> .....	June 4
<b>Jones Camp</b> (ages 7-12).....	June 26 – July 9
Jones Week One (ages 7-12) .....	June 26 – July 2
Jones Week Two (ages 7-12) .....	July 3-9
<b>Drama Camp I</b> (ages 7-12).....	June 26 – July 9
<b>Dyer Camp</b> (ages 10-13) .....	July 10-23
<b>Drama Camp II</b> (ages 10-13).....	July 10-23
<b>Fox Camp</b> (ages 12-17) .....	July 24 – August 6
<b>Bus</b> (Portland, ME, Newton, MA & Smithfield, RI) .....	August 6
<b>Fell Camp</b> (ages 12-17).....	August 7-20
<b>Drama Camp III</b> (ages 12-17) .....	August 7-20
<b>Mott Family Camp</b> (All ages).....	August 21-27

## Fall Schedule

<b>Group Rental Opening</b> .....	September 2-5
<b>Fall Gathering</b> .....	September 9-11
<b>Alternative Sentencing</b> .....	September 12-16
<b>Group Rental Opening</b> .....	September 16-18
<b>Common Ground Fair</b> .....	September 22-25
<b>Group Rental Opening</b> .....	September 30 – October 2
<b>Group Rental Opening</b> .....	October 7-10

## Tuition and Fees

### New Three-Tiered Tuition Pricing for 2011

Friends Camp now has a new voluntary three-tiered pricing plan. You pick the camp fee that works best for your family.

**Full Price Level:** Allows us to cover all of the operating costs and will, over time, help to cut capital replacement and improvement expenses.

**Medium Price Level:** Covers operating costs and more accurately accounts for our true costs, including maintenance and a limited contribution to capital improvements.

**Basic Price Level:** Is our historically low camp tuition rate, and does not reflect the true operating expenses or the actual long-term cost of running Friends Camp.

By choosing to pay a higher fee, families can help us keep our buildings, docks, equipment, plumbing, and property in much better condition; you will also help keep the basic camp fee at an affordable level.

This new pricing system is voluntary and in no way influences admission or the experience your child will receive at Friends Camp.

**Camperships in the \$100 to \$360 range will still be available for families who need additional help in sending a child or children to Friends Camp.** Please visit [www.friendscamp.org](http://www.friendscamp.org) for a copy of the campership application. The deadline for applying for a campership is April 30, 2011.

## 2011 Friends Session Fees

### New Three-Tiered Pricing

	Full	Medium	Basic
One Week Jones camp .....	\$470.....	\$445 .....	\$420
Two Week of Jones, Dyer, Fox & Fell camps ....	\$860 .....	\$810 .....	\$760
Two Week Drama I, II & III camps .....	\$890.....	\$840 .....	\$790
Mott Family Camp (Adults & Teens).....	\$350.....	\$325 .....	\$300
Mott Family Camp (7 to 12 years old).....	\$300.....	\$275 .....	\$250
Mott Family Camp (Birth to 6 years old).....	\$0.....	\$0 .....	\$0



# Registration Form

Return this application and a \$200 deposit to Friends Camp, 25 Burleigh Street, Waterville, Maine 04901. Questions: [director@friendscamp.org](mailto:director@friendscamp.org) or call 207-873-3499.

*"I wouldn't be the same person I am today without Friends Camp."*

## Late Fees and Refund Policy

A late fee of \$20 per camper, per session, will be added to any outstanding fees after June 4, 2011. No refund for any cancellation within nine weeks of the start of your child's first day of camp. Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

## Medical Forms and Handbook

You can find all medical forms and the informational handbook at [www.friendscamp.org](http://www.friendscamp.org) or we can mail you a full informational packet after we receive your registration form and deposit.



*"There's NOTHING like a Friends Camp hug!"*

Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School September 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of June 26, 2011 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Session \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Session \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Camper E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Camper: Yes [ ] No [ ]

### Primary Adult Contact(s) i.e. Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**I/We would like to receive our Friends Camp Invoice by e-mail and we will get the 2011 Camper Parent Handbook and the health forms from the camp's web page: [www.friendscamp.org](http://www.friendscamp.org).** (If you check this item, you will not receive a session confirmation and informational packet by snail mail, but you will get an invoice with the session confirmation by e-mail in a few days.)

### Second Home Parental Contact (Optional but very helpful if one parent lives in another home.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Friends Camp policies and agree to abide by these rules, fees, and deadlines. I also give Friends Camp (New England Yearly Meeting) permission to use my child's photo or likeness.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PARENT SIGNATURE**

Religious Affiliation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Friends Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

### Stay-Over Fee (For campers staying for more than one session)

Between sessions the stay-over fee (July 9 or July 23 or August 6) is \$75. Yes [ ] Date \_\_\_\_\_

### New three-tiered tuition options payment

	Full	Medium	Basic
<b>One Week (Jones)</b> .....	\$470 [ ]	\$445 [ ]	\$420 [ ]
<b>Two Weeks (Jones, Dyer, Fox &amp; Fell)</b> .....	\$860 [ ]	\$810 [ ]	\$760 [ ]
<b>Drama Camp (Drama I, II or III)</b> .....	\$890 [ ]	\$840 [ ]	\$790 [ ]

### Yearly Meeting Bus Trip (August 6th) Fee

The bus ride from camp to Portland, ME is \$40 Yes [ ]  
 The bus ride from camp to Portsmouth, NH is \$50 Yes [ ]  
 The bus ride from camp to Newton, MA is \$60 Yes [ ]  
 The bus ride from camp to Smithfield, RI is \$70 Yes [ ]

### Where or how did you hear about Friends Camp?

Returning camper  Friends Meeting  
 Camp Fair  Brochure  
 Web site / search  E-Newsletter  
 A friend, (who?) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Please write down any families who would be interested in knowing more about Friends Camp

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit \$200	\$ _____
Tuition payment	\$ _____
<b>Donations:</b> Camperships	\$ _____
Waterfront Expansion	\$ _____
Kitchen Renovation	\$ _____
General Support	\$ _____
Extra fee: Fox or Fell Camp Baxter State Park trip (\$60)	\$ _____
Van or bus transportation fees	\$ _____
Friends Camp short sleeve t-shirt \$10	\$ _____
S [ ] M [ ] L [ ] XL [ ]	
Friends Camp long sleeve t-shirt \$12	\$ _____
S [ ] M [ ] L [ ] XL [ ]	
Friends Camp green hooded sweatshirt \$24	\$ _____
S [ ] M [ ] L [ ] XL [ ]	
Friends Camp sweatpants \$24	\$ _____
S [ ] M [ ] L [ ] XL [ ]	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

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## A Typical Day

After breakfast and chores, we hold Meeting for Worship, which is a youth-oriented time for silent reflection and sharing. Next, a daily community meeting allows campers and staff to participate in shaping the schedule and activities. After this we have a morning activity period that lasts until lunch. Each afternoon, campers can swim, canoe, sail, and relax at the camp's waterfront. After a snack, we offer another activities period. Each evening, campers enjoy non-competitive group games. Then, towards nightfall, we gather on the Vespers field to watch the sun set. Prior to bedtime, campers participate in an evening program in Aviary Hall.

## The Counselors

Our counselors and staff are carefully screened through in-depth interviews, reference, background checks, and careful supervision during the summer. Many of our counselors come with special qualifications in lifeguarding, first aid, sailing, arts and crafts, photography, drama, new games, nature, and sports. Our counselor to camper ratio is one to six.

## Youth Camp Sessions

Friends Camp offers four regular sessions for three different age groups, three drama camps for each age group and our Mott Family Camp in late August. During each session the campers are placed in cabins family style with older and young campers in each cabin.

**Jones Camp & Drama I - June 26 - July 9** (Ages 7-12)

**Dyer Camp & Drama II - July 10 - July 23** (Ages 10-13)

**Fox Camp - July 24 - August 6** (Ages 12-17)

**Fell Camp & Drama III - August 7 - August 20** (Ages 12-17)

## Drama Camps

The Friends Camp drama camp option is for youth already interested in theater and for those with little or no experience who would like to develop their performance skills. Trained counselors will lead theater games, storytelling, improvisation techniques, and oversee the production of a play or multiple skits. Drama campers will be able to participate in some of the traditional camp activities like electives, swimming, worship and vespers.

**Drama Camp I - June 26 - July 9** (Ages 7-12)

**Drama Camp II - July 10 - 23** (Ages 10-13)

**Drama Camp III - August 7- 20** (Ages 12-17)

## Mt. Katahdin Hike for Teens

This trip is a special hiking adventure to climb Mt. Katahdin or one of the other peaks in Baxter State Park if the weather is not favorable at higher altitudes. A group of twelve campers and three counselors will have the opportunity for an overnight camping trip and hiking adventure to the top of the highest mountain in Maine. Campers who wish to sign up for this trip during our Fox or Fell camp should be in very good physical shape and be able to enjoy hiking all day. The cost is \$60.

## Mott Family Camp

**August 21 to August 27, 2011**

Please visit [www.friendscamp.org](http://www.friendscamp.org) to learn more about Family Camp.

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*“It is a place of freedom and acceptance for those who cannot find it elsewhere, a place of communication and sharing that does not happen in what campers call “the real world”. It is a place where connections form between people who may have ignored each other anywhere else.”*

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## Friends Camp

25 Burleigh Street  
Waterville, Maine 04901

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along to a friend, school or library.*

# *New England Yearly Meeting of Friends*

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**Please note:** Prior to June 4th, all mail should be sent to the winter office in Waterville, Maine.

## Drop-off and pick-up times

The drop-off times are between 2 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, and the pick-up times are between 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. on Saturday.

## Contact Information

You can e-mail Nat Shed at [director@friendscamp.org](mailto:director@friendscamp.org).

Please feel free to call and speak with Nat at any time.

You can also learn more about Friends Camp by visiting the web page:

[www.friendscamp.org](http://www.friendscamp.org)

### Winter Address:

Friends Camp  
25 Burleigh St.  
Waterville, ME 04901

Phone: September-May  
(207) 873-3499

### Summer Address:

Friends Camp  
729 Lakeview Dr.  
South China, ME 04358

Phone: June-August  
(207) 445-2361



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*“I love how, at Friends Camp,  
you don’t have to be the smartest,  
the funniest, the most outgoing...  
just put your heart out there and  
people will respect you for it.”*

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