

Addendums to NYM Brochure

Newcomers Guide to NYM

This guide is intended to help you understand and enjoy NYM. A lot happens at Annual Sessions, and hopefully this helps you have the least confusing and best time possible! It is recommended for everyone, not just newcomers.

https://www.quakercloud.org/system/files/cloud_attachments/2023NYM.Newcomers%20info_detailed.pdf

Annual Session COVID protocol: As infection rates in most of MN and WI are currently low, we are not requiring tests or masking, although of course mask wearing is welcome. You can check the infection rate in your county through links below and might consider testing if your county has a high rate. **If you have been exposed or have any potential covid-like symptoms, please test prior to coming to camp to maintain your and everyone else's safety and comfort. If you test positive, please follow the current Covid-safety recommendations.** At camp, please test if feeling ill and wear a mask if you are experiencing sniffles or cough. Bring masks and Covid tests if you can. Some tests and masks will be available onsite. This protocol may be altered if the Covid situation changes significantly before May 21, 2023.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/index.html>

Theme/ plenary/ small groups, updated description

Saturday morning you are invited to an interactive and experiential presentation by healthcare chaplains Anne Supplee and Maia Twedt on our theme of *Pruning, Letting Go, Blooming*. The contemplative practices and learning offered here will prepare us for small group engagement.

Adult small groups consist of 8 Friends who will meet three times over the weekend, during the span of children's programming. Discussion topics and practices will be offered to invite meaningful conversations about the weekend's theme. The intent is to deepen spiritual ties to new Friends, and to integrate individual learning into a collective experience.