

# High school teens are cordially invited to the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting 2011 Spring Teen Retreat

Friday, March 25 - Monday, March 28

Olney Friends School, Barnesville, OH

## Theme: **Creating a Culture of Peace**

We will be doing a modified version of the *Creating a Culture of Peace (CCP)* curriculum. The full training takes three days. *Creating a Culture of Peace* was developed by Janet Chisholm, a nationally recognized leader in faith based peacemaking and nonviolence, inspired by Pace e Bene's book, *From Violence to Wholeness*. She wanted to develop an interactive, experience-based program without a lot of reading - one that would build community and promote action and project planning over the course of a long weekend. Using a popular education approach CCP explores the nature of violence and its misuses; increase awareness of how active nonviolence can be used; understand social change movements as engines for change; consider the values of community and identify steps and tools for planning nonviolent actions

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**Service Project:** Head Start Playground Assembly

**Cost: \$40/person** Includes weekend program and all meals. Additional contributions welcome. Make checks payable to Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. **We do not want costs to be a barrier preventing teens from attending.** Monthly Meetings are encouraged to help teens attend. LEYM also has a limited amount of financial assistance available. Ask your meeting for their help and contact Cari if you still need help.

**RSVP:** *Please fill out the attached registration form and contact Cari Burke, LEYM High School Teen Retreat Program Coordinator (cell: 231-383-1296, e-mail: [cariupnorth@gmail.com](mailto:cariupnorth@gmail.com)). If you are vegan, vegetarian, or have specific dietary needs, please indicate so on the registration form and contact Cari beforehand so that we may plan accordingly. Please also contact Cari for help with carpooling.*

### Weekend activities:

- Hanging-out
- Olney GymEx Performance
- Meeting for Business
- Wink!
- Music, singing and dancing
- Meeting for Worship
- Games
- Worship Sharing
- Planning for future retreats

### Things to bring:

- Payment (checks, please)
- Sleeping bag, pad, & pillow
- Towel & toiletries
- Medicines
- Acoustic musical instruments
- Clothing for wink (i.e. t-shirt & sweats - yoga or gym-type clothing)
- Games and dance music!
- Clothing for service work
- Snacks to share
- Your calendar (for planning)

We are looking for FAPs (Friendly Adult Presences) and carpooling drivers for the weekend. If you are interested in this **call to service**, please contact Cari.

For driving directions to Olney Friends School, visit: <http://www.olneyfriends.org/admissions/directions.htm>

**\*\*Join our Facebook group: "LEYM Youth Retreat Program" \*\***

# Tentative Agenda

## **Friday, March 25**

- 6:00 p.m. Dinner with Olney Friends School (be sure to RSVP on registration form)  
7:00 p.m. Olney Friends School GymEx event (for more info: <http://www.olneyfriends.org/newnews/events/gymex.htm>)  
9:30 p.m. Review expectations; set bedtime and quiet hours

## **Saturday, March 26**

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Creating a Culture of Peace Workshop  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Creating a Culture of Peace Workshop\*  
6:30 p.m. Dinner

## **Sunday, March 27**

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Meeting for Worship Workshop and Discussion  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 p.m. Service Project - Head Start Playground Assembly  
6:30 p.m. Dinner

## **Monday, March 28**

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast and clean-up  
10:00 a.m. Goodbye and safe travels!

\*The anticipated action plan is to explore the issue of torture by our military and in our jails. In order to understand the depth of the problem we will look at a DVD developed by AFSC on maximum security prisons and what is being done to Bradley Manning. From this learning experience we will develop a plan of action that can be carried out by the teens. This may involve letter writing, creating a minute to take back to their Meetings or Yearly Meeting or other actions they create. However with the popular education approach, where the participants guide the conversation, other issues may come to the fore that the teens wish to address.

**Expectations:**

All participants will refrain from sexual activity during the weekend. Even those who are partners prior to the weekend indicate by their attendance that they agree to abstain from any sexual activity during the weekend, in order to participate on the same basis as others

We prohibit possession or use of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, or other intoxicants.

We encourage each participant to contribute to building community by welcoming other participants into activities and interactions during the weekend. Reach out to someone new.

We expect each participant to respect the sleep needs of themselves and others. We hope that each participant will feel free to make one's own needs known. Those driving home should consider carefully what sleep patterns will allow them to do so safely. Quiet hours will be set by the group on Friday. Those wishing to converse during these hours should do so quietly away from sleeping areas. Lights out/bedtime will be set by the group on Friday.

We expect each participant to treat all persons with respect, and to respect the property of others. Participants are reminded that vulgar language may be offensive to others and may reflect poorly on the group in public.

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**Registration and Release Form**

I give permission for the teen named below to participate in the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting (LEYM)

Teen Retreat in Barnesville, OH, 25 March 2011 - 28 March 2011 and to participate in all planned program activities. I have reviewed the expectations with my teen participant. In the event of an emergency, I hereby authorize the event organizers to consent to any medical or surgical care advised by licensed health care providers. I hereby release LEYM and its volunteers from liability for any injury that my teen may experience during the event, and from any liability, legal or financial, for emergency care provided to the teen. In the event of emergency, I understand that event organizers will attempt to contact me as soon as possible.

Teen's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (current) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Teen's email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated arrival day/date/time: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated departure day/date/time: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity restrictions/special needs/allergies/dietary concerns, etc, including medications, dosage and frequency. Please note that LEYM and its volunteers cannot be responsible for dispensing medications and that this is for informational purposes only. Use back if necessary:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Omnivore Vegetarian Vegan

Circle one: I do I do not give permission for retreat photographs that include my teen to appear on the LEYM website.

Parent(s)/guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency alternate contact(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please include a photocopy of insurance card if possible\**

Parent's or guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the expectations for this event, and agree to abide by them.

Teen Participant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit form via mail:** Cari Burke, 18783 W. Maple, Interlochen, MI 49643 **or via e-mail scan:** [cariupnorth@gmail.com](mailto:cariupnorth@gmail.com)