

BEN LOMOND QUAKER CENTER invites you to our:

Year-End Retreat

With Bob Runyan and Friends

Dec. 27, 2016 – Jan. 1, 2017



Dwell in the pure light, which God has made manifest to you in your understanding; and turn your minds to him, and walk as children of the light, and of the day.

~ George Fox, 1652

The original Friends were eager to tell the world about a transforming power they experienced when they turned their attention inward. They used many different words and phrases to describe it, including “The Light”. How is that light at work in us today? How can we find it? How can we be faithful to it?

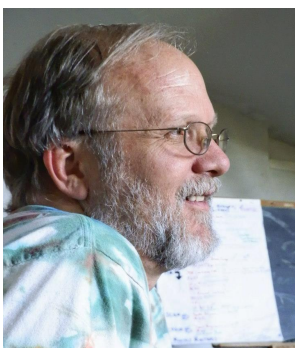
Our year-end retreat will explore these questions through:

- daily periods of worship,
- readings from the works of early Friends,
- small group discussions,
- walking in the light meditation, and
- abundant free time.

A listening committee of seasoned Friends will help guide our evenings together between opportunities for fellowship and deeper exploration. We'll enjoy traditions from past year-end retreats, like the “bûche de Noël” on New Years Eve and greeting the sunrise at the Casa de Luz on New Years morning. We'll also experiment with 24 hours of silent time mid-way through our five days together.

Are you looking for inspiration to begin the new year? Join us in the redwoods for a time of retreat and rediscovery.

About the program facilitator:



Bob Runyan co-directs Ben Lomond Quaker Center with his wife and partner, Kathy Runyan. He became a member of the Religious Society of Friends in 1995 and is currently a member of Santa Cruz Friends Meeting as well as an affiliate member of Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative). Bob has felt a strong leading to help rediscover and rekindle the fire that was present in the original Quaker movement. It is his hope that this year-end retreat will offer each participant the time and space to find inward guidance and the encouragement and support needed to follow it.

Name(s): _____ Name(s) and age(s) of children coming: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

/we plan to pay \$ _____/person on the \$420 - \$560/person sliding scale. (More on this below)

Medical or ethical dietary restrictions: _____

Accommodation or mobility concerns: _____

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TO REGISTER, fill out the form above and send it to the address below.

Check-in is from 4 PM to 6 PM. Dinner is served at 6 PM and you can expect to be depart by 2 PM on Sunday after closing worship. We no longer require a deposit with your registration. We trust that you will "let your yay be yay" and you'll participate in this program if you register. If you absolutely must cancel, please do so at least two days in advance. Otherwise we will request \$50 payment for the food the cook has already purchased for you.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR SLIDING SCALE:

- Comprehensive rate:** The top of our scale covers all our costs. **(\$560/person).**
- Standard rate:** We hope most people will pay at least this amount. **(\$480/person)**
- Special reduced rate:** The bottom to our scale **(\$400/person).**
- Quaker Center Annual Pass purchased by _____ (name or meeting)**

No one will be refused from our programs due to lack of funds. Please call or email us for financial aid.

CHILDCARE: will be provided by **advance arrangement with Directors** at no extra charge to parents, though we request **\$1 per child** to cover the cost of meals.

ACCOMMODATIONS, THINGS TO BRING, AND FOOD: Sleeping accommodations will be in the Orchard and Redwood Lodges (semi-private rooms). **Bring a sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, pillowcase,** towel, and toiletries including shower soap. Please do not wear or bring strongly scented toiletries.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING PETS. Animals trained to serve the disabled are allowed *ONLY* with prior permission from the Directors. All meals at Quaker Center are vegetarian. We ask all participants to take turns working together on meal prep, dish crew, and cleaning at the end of the program. **Please tell us if you must leave early** so that we can make sure you get signed up for a final clean up task that can be done before you go.

TRANSPORTATION: See our website, <http://www.quakercenter.org/directions/> for directions. If you are **arriving by bus, let us know at least a day in advance if you need a shuttle and we will pick you up** from Ben Lomond bus stops. **Call 831-212-2631** if you need to change your pick up time.

DRIVING DISTANCES FROM:

- Los Angeles: 365 miles, 6.5 hours
- Sacramento: 150 miles, 2 hours, 45 minutes
- San Francisco: 90 miles, 2 hrs and 15 minutes
- San Jose Intl Airport: 35 miles, 50 minutes
- Santa Cruz, 12 miles, 25 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT:

- **Amtrak:** Take the train to the San Jose Diridon Station
- **From the San Jose Diridon Station:** Take the 17 Express bus to the Cavallaro Transit Station in Scotts Valley.
- **From the Scotts Valley or Santa Cruz:** Take the 35 or 35A bus to Ben Lomond.
- **In Ben Lomond:** Get off at Highway 9 and Main Street and walk or call for a ride.

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