



## Ben Lomond Quaker Center – 2025 Program Calendar

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**All times Pacific.** All are welcome to attend Quaker Center programs and events.

Childcare is provided during program sessions at all in-person Quaker Center programs.

January 24-26	<b>All Will Be Well: an exploration, with Mica Estrada (in person).</b> What does it mean to be well – even when all does not feel well? How do we connect with our inner wisdom? This program will include experiential exercises, discussion, contemplation, and reflection to explore these questions and connections. We'll use stories from Quakers, St. Julian of Norwich, and Mexican/Native traditions.
February 14-17	<b>Young Adult Friends (YAF) Retreat (in person).</b> Are you a young adult Quaker, new attender, or Quaker-curious person? Are you interested in creating community, connecting with nature, and enjoying fellowship and fun with others? Spend a holiday weekend at Quaker Center doing all that and more. Rain or shine. Stay tuned for more details about this program's themes and activities.
March 21-23	<b>Inner Life, Inner Light, with Will Meecham, MD (in person).</b> Daily, we feel the warm aliveness of the human body. During worship, we feel the loving mystery of Divine Light. In this retreat, we'll strengthen connections between these two experiences, using imagery, silence and shared inquiry.
Tuesdays in April (Apr. 2, 9, 16 & 23) 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	<b>The Meeting for Worship, with Nico Wright and others (four online sessions).</b> The mystery and miracle of silent Worship in the manner of Friends is still the beating heart of Quakerism. What do Quakers do during Worship? This online series will explore the wonderful world of worship using small-group discussion and worship sharing, weekly readings, brief presentations, music, poetry and more. All are welcome: newcomers, curious folks, and life-long Quakes alike.
April 25-27	<b>The 257<sup>th</sup> session of College Park Quarterly Meeting (hybrid).</b> CPQM's annual Spring gathering at Quaker Center is amazing. Children, young people and adults alike are invited to come celebrate our regional Friends' community. Learn more and register at <a href="http://www.collegeparkquarterlymeeting.org">www.collegeparkquarterlymeeting.org</a> .
May 16-18	<b>Quaker Practice and Science Learning, with John Erickson (in person).</b> How is the search for understanding of our natural world similar to Quaker practice? What does scientific investigation have in common with spiritual seeking? Let's explore these questions through a weekend of science activities, reflection and sharing, nature walks, stargazing, fellowship, and fun. Kids welcome. <i>Note: this program will have several all-ages sessions, and childcare will otherwise be provided.</i>
June 15-21 June 22-29	<b>Quaker Center Camp (in person).</b> Help a kid or teen get to QC Camp for an unforgettable overnight summer experience of friendship, fun, service, art and Friends' values. Once again, two sessions this year: one for rising 5 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> graders, followed by a week-long Teen Service Camp for rising 8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> .
July 29 – Aug. 3	<b>Family Work Camp, with Ben Hofvendahl and many others (in person).</b> A week of Quaker Center work projects, fellowship and good times. See old friends and make some news ones. Don't miss it.
Aug. 29 – Sept. 1	<b>Playing in the Light: Godly Play/Faith &amp; Play Training for Quakers, with Melinda Wenner Bradley.</b> Want to make your Meeting a more welcoming place for kids and young families? Join Melinda (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting) for a long weekend at Quaker Center. We'll learn and practice a method of storytelling grounded in deep respect for children that explores the existential limits of their lives through wonder, play, and stories from the Bible and Quaker Faith and Practice.
September 26-28	<b>Good Trouble poster-making, with Todd Drake (in person).</b> Art can change the world! Join Quaker street artist Todd Drake (aka Quaker Pirate) in a poster-making workshop. Todd will share his experience as an activist and New York City street artist, and guide you through printing your own multi-colored poster using linocut, stenciling and monoprinting techniques. Beginners, experienced visual artists, and everyone in between are welcome to attend this program.
October 24-26	<b>The Quaker MBA? with Eric Lindner (in person).</b> Based on his long experience in the business world, and as a teacher at Georgetown University, <i>and</i> as a Quaker at Central Coast Friends Meeting, Eric will unpack why “business ethics” isn't an oxymoron, and how the Quaker Testimonies provide a leg up in the world of commerce.
November	<b>Online program</b> – to be announced.
December 5-7	<b>Quaker Center's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Music and Dance retreat (in person).</b> Hooray! It's time for Music and Dance – a weekend of festive fellowship in the redwoods. Plenty of singing, jamming, workshops and fun, and capped as always with a Saturday night dance with a real caller and fiddler. All are welcome.
Dec. 27 – Jan. 1, 2026	<b>The Year-End Retreat: Bringing our bodies to Quaker Center and the Bible, with Dorothy Henderson and Nora Lisette (in person).</b> We will explore being fully present in the Casa de Luz, the labyrinth, our rooms, the Orchard and Redwood lodges, the waterfall, and the Redwood Circle. Centering in our bodies as we sink down to Spirit in these beloved spaces, we will bring our curiosity to the Bible as a possible guide to transformation in our everyday lives. And as always, we will welcome the year to come among friends new and old here in the redwoods. This retreat is open to all, no biblical experience necessary.