

From Young Friends of North Pacific Yearly Meeting to Quakers in the Northwest and everywhere, greetings!

It has been an exciting and successful Annual Session for us. We have had a record turnout this year, with 19 in attendance. This, combined with our close contact and numerous joint activities with the Junior Friends, has made this the liveliest since the re-creation of the category. This was underscored by several former Junior Friends joining us as new Young Friends this year by the appointment of one of them, Emma Ewart, to replace outgoing co-clerk Felix Ostrom, and another, Zoe Peters, to our concerns committee.

Our relationship with Junior Friends and the dividing line between the two close but distinct groups of young people has been much in our thoughts as has been the need to strengthen our sense of community and to deepen our connection with the elder Friends of our Yearly Meeting. In our Meetings for Worship, Meetings for Worship with Attention to Business, and more light-heartedly in our Intergenerational Dance and subsequent banquet, we continued to explore the eternal questions of who we are, what we seek, and where we are going. One continual answer to the question of what we seek has been our desire to gather more often and to stay gathered longer.

In spirit-filled growth,  
The Young Friends  
July 17-20, 2008

EPISTLE  
Central Friends of North Pacific Yearly Meeting  
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The highlight of our weekend was going to DaVinci Days. There were a lot of things that were interesting and fun. They included a fire-breathing dragon, Funguy, and the parade of human powered machines. Some of us wrestled on the sand dunes.

The low point of our weekend was a Quakerly dispute about the rules of Capture the Flag. We overcame our dispute with a long, boring discussion about conflict resolution.

We also want to thank Ruth Flower and Joe Snyder and all the other adults who spent time with our group.

Central Friends, grades 6-8

EPISTLE  
Children's Program  
North Pacific Yearly Meeting  
First Day, 7/20/2008

To North Pacific Yearly Meeting and Friends Everywhere:

We, the grades 3-5 children's program, explored the question "How To Answer That of God in Everyone" in the following activities:

side walk chalk	fish eggs
silence	robotics
pool	bugs
Sedgway scooters	eating
sleep	intros
racing	helicopter
personal language	everybody's it
frisbee/ultimate Frisbee	stories
trucks	play

and  
Little Bunny Foo Foo.

Yours in Peace, the grades 3-5 kids