

Junior Gathering Information Pack

Junior Gathering is a Quaker event for young people aged 11 to 14

18-25th August 2018 at Leighton Park School



HAVE FUN



BE QUAKERLY



MAKE FRIENDS

JG is a brilliant week, in which young people have a chance to make new friends and be together in a Quaker environment.

We explore ideas with visiting speakers, through workshops, drama, worship, films and games. The week spent with friends who share Quaker values can be life changing and is also hugely good fun.

A variety of activities to choose from include craft, cooking, music, discussions and sports. And then we have base groups, quizzes, trips out, wide games and entertainments, a theme disco and barn dance.

We welcome both regular attenders and young people who do not usually come to Quaker Meeting.

Everyone will be in a Base Group made up of about eight young people as well as two adult volunteers. The base group is your JG family, and everyone looks after each other. Everyone has their own bedroom, some shared and some single; when they are shared it will be with those of a similar age. Everyone has a "secret friend" who secretly does kind things, and gives you tiny presents – it might be worth bringing a couple of tiny gifts for your secret friend.

We follow Britain Yearly Meeting guidelines concerning the safety and wellbeing of those taking part. Our Child Protection Policy is on the FSSE website www.fsse.org.uk. All adult volunteers are required to have current, enhanced checks from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

APPLICATIONS

You can apply on-line at <http://www.fsse.org.uk/jg/apply> or download the form and email it to the bookings secretary, Trottie Kirwan: juniorgathering@fsse.org.uk or post it (email for the postal address). If possible apply before the end of March 2018.

At the end of June 'joining instructions' with full information of what to bring, the Medical & Consent Form and the JG Boundaries will be sent to everyone. The young people will also be invited to send in requests for room-share.

PAYMENT & BURSARIES

Full payment of £350 (£300 for first time participants) is due by 30 June 2018.

No-one will be prevented from attending Junior Gathering by difficulty with payment.

Most LMs and AMs will help with payment, but if you need a grant in addition, please let the bookings secretary know.

You can send a cheque or make a BACS transfer, please email the bookings secretary for details.

TRAVEL

By car: The main entrance is on Shinfield Road (A327) Sat Nav postcode: RG2 7ED.

Please do not arrive before 4pm on Saturday 18th August, because we will not be ready for you!

Pick up is at 10am on Saturday 25th August.

There is a coach from Friends' House on Saturday 18th August departing at 2.15pm sharp, so get there by 2pm. The coach returns to Friends' House about 12.00 on Saturday 25th August.

COSTS

a) Junior Gathering fee: £350.00, but £300 for first time participants.

b) Coach to and from Leighton Park School: £16 return (£10 one way)

c) Pocket money for tuck shop, 'secret friend' presents and outings (about £20 recommended)

MEALS

All dietary requirements can be catered for, and there is always a choice of food so no-one has to eat what they don't like. Please make sure to include any dietary needs on the application form (e.g. vegetarian, vegan, food allergies ...)

INSURANCE

Any items of value brought to Junior Gathering must be fully insured against loss and damage.

Junior Gathering cannot be responsible for personal property.

ACTIVITIES

Each morning there is an activity session for which you sign up the evening before.

Activities have included: Drumming, Pinhole cameras/ photography, Yoga, Nature trail, Young women's group, Art, Craft, Poetry, Cooking, Thinky Feelie, Silly Games, Morris Dancing, Tag rugby, Football, Cricket, Rounders, Stilt Walking, Painting jam jars, Shadow puppets, Dream Catchers, Music Making, Lego, Discussion, Junior Gathering newspaper, Woodland games and tracking.

Friends Southern Summer Events

To give you an idea of how the week at JG goes, here is last year's timetable (with the times tweaked for this year's plans)

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8.30		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8.45		Dorm tidying	Dorm tidying	Dorm tidying	Dorm tidying	Dorm tidying	Dorm tidying	Dorm tidying
9.15		Meeting for Worship	Meeting for Worship	Meeting for Worship	10.00 Trip to Oxford	Meeting for Worship	Meeting for Worship	Meeting for Worship
9.45		Activities	Activities	Activities		Activities	Activities	10.00 Departures
11.00		Drinks	Drinks	Drinks	11.30 Meeting for Worship in Oxford with Senior Conference	Drinks	Drinks	
11.20		Workshop	Simulation	Workshop		Speakers	Workshop	
12.30		Basegroups	Basegroups	Basegroups		Basegroups	Basegroups	
13.30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	
14.15		Friends Quiz Speed friendship	University gardens	Big games		Summer Fete	YP business meeting	
16.30	16.00 Arrivals	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	
18.30	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	
19.00	Welcome Social Base groups	Wacky races	Base Group Challenge	Barn dance	Life Lines	Disco	Entertainment	
20.45	Activity signup Drinks	Activity signup Drinks	Activity signup Drinks	Activity signup Drinks	Activity signup Drinks	Activity signup Drinks	Light sculpture Drinks and snacks	
21.10	Epilogue	Epilogue	Epilogue	Epilogue	Epilogue	Epilogue		
21.40	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	Epilogue	
22.30	Lights out	Lights out	Lights out	Lights out	Lights out	Lights out	Bed or late room	

PACKING IDEAS

Change of clothes, nightwear, underwear, washing things

Indoor and outdoor shoes, waterproof coat

Torch

Sports stuff: clothes and shoes, swimwear and extra towel, table tennis bats and balls

Instruments and music. Song books. Music for disco

Reading material, or sketching kit, playing cards/board games

Materials for activities you might do eg T-shirt or glass for painting, costume for the disco

MOBILE PHONES may be brought with you but they will *only be available during free time*.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Smoking and alcohol are not allowed at Junior Gathering. If any young person is found in possession of cigarettes, tobacco in any form, alcoholic drinks or recreational drugs, this could result in the young person being sent home immediately.