

BYM Camps Open House



Catoctin, Opequon and Shiloh Quaker Camps are residential summer camps for boys and girls aged 9-14. We offer 4, 2, and 1 week sessions.



Shiloh Quaker Camp is on 432 acres of land in Madison County, Virginia. Shiloh offers in-camp and trip experiences. In camp we sing, play games, swim, play in the river, explore nature, work on arts and craft projects, perform skits, do chores, and tell stories around the fire. On weekly trips out of camp, campers may backpack in the nearby parks, canoe on the Rapidan, James, or Rappahannock rivers, learn to rock climb, do service projects, and more!



Catoctin Quaker Camp offers in-camp and trip experiences. We backpack roads and trails; we canoe the Potomac, Rappahannock, and Shenandoah Rivers; and we give technical rock climbing instruction at several sites. Activities in camp include swimming, arts and crafts, informal music and drama, low pressure athletics, singing, and chores. Catoctin lies just below the ridge of Catoctin Mountain and is adjacent to protected state forests and the Frederick watershed. The nearest town is Thurmont, Maryland.



Opequon Quaker Camp is located just north of Winchester, Virginia. Campers live in screened cabins and share meals in the pavilion in the center of camp. The day includes all-camp activities, art projects, games in the playing field, swimming in the pool, and exploring in the creek. Art activities might include digging Opequon Creek clay to create original pieces for firing; carpentry projects such as building tree houses and tipis; painting life size murals; weaving fiber and words; and workshops in theatre, dance and music.

Come visit with members of the camp staff and learn more!

Sunday, February 23 - 2-4 pm at Bend Yoga on the Downtown Mall, Charlottesville, VA. A free class pass will be given to all children who attend.

Saturday, March 8 - 3-5pm at The Sienna School, 1300 Forest Glen Rd. (corner of Forest Glen Rd. and Sligo Creek Parkway), Silver Spring, MD.

"I have received two notes from our daughter, both of them exploding with enthusiasm. What really struck me about both notes is that she sounds so unguarded. She talked about how long they laughed on one of their back packing trips, and I can't remember the last time I heard her really let go and laugh. This past year there's been a lot of eye-rolling and trying to be cool. I am so glad she is taking a break from that and letting her true self out."



"Every year my children return from Opequon better than they were when I dropped them off. It's almost as if they have had an emotional tune up: they are more thoughtful and reflective regarding their actions. They are more willing to work as a team. They have their own moments of worship when they feel they need to have a quiet chat with God. They sing all of the time! We love it!"



"Catoctin is my kids' favorite place in the world. It empowers kids to discover who they are, what makes them happy, and how they can give back and help others. It challenges them to do things they wouldn't have the opportunity to do away from camp. It is full of the best role models a parent could ever dream of. And it has a magical energy that embodies the camp, the counselors, the staff and the campers."



"I think the camp provides a unique community that encourages children to be themselves and explore the limits of their strength, independence, and resilience in a safe but highly challenging environment."

