



Gearing up for Year Three

It's June again, and that means it's time for another summer at Mountain Friends Camp! This year, camp will run in two sessions: June 23-30 and June 30- July 7, at our new home in Tincup Colorado.

Mountain Friends Camp has grown a lot since its first summer in 2010-- so far we have 20 campers and 13 staff members signed up. Everyone is looking forward to the games, songs, worship, friendships, and chances to serve the environment and commune with nature. To get involved, or help us continue, call the director, find us on Facebook or visit MountainFriendsCamp.org.



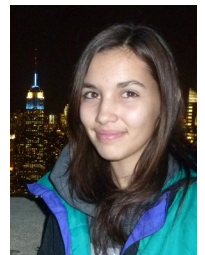
On the Quaker Road: 2012

This spring, Mountain Friends Camp Director Anastacia Easterling and staff member Ariel Bibby once again hit the road in support of Mountain Friends Camp.

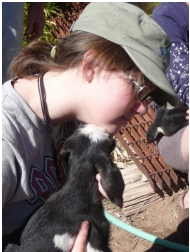
Equipped with a slideshow presentation and much enthusiasm and hope for the future of camp, they visited 15 meetings in the IMYM region. Every Quaker Meeting in IMYM is helping discern the future of Mountain Friends Camp this year, so it was a great time to travel and talk about camp. Friends gathered for 8 potlucks, listened to 11 presentations, asked questions and gave suggestions, donated over \$3000 dollars, and, most important signed up as campers and staff for this summer! To read their blog posts and see photos from their 2600 mile road trip visit our website. Many thanks to all for the hospitality and support!

Meet Our Staff 2012

Counselors in Training: Hello I am **Kim**. I am from Tempe, Arizona and I am 16 years old. I am excited to be a part of this summer's Mountain Friends Camp as a Counselor in Training after two summers as a camper. I enjoy being in the outdoors and I am looking forward to getting to know the campers as well as staff. I am looking forward to a fun two weeks at MFC!



Milagre: I was born in a small town in Montana and moved to southwestern New Mexico when I was about 3; I have no recollection of my birthplace, and so consider myself practically a Native New Mexican. I was raised in a Quaker home (even though we didn't attend a regular meeting) with lots of pets and farm animals, such as goats, chickens, turkeys, a turtle, a snake, cats, and dogs. I enjoy reading, playing video games, making crafts, watching movies, hiking, practicing the piano, writing poetry, and spending time with friends, though lately I've taken on a new responsibility, Student Body President of my school. I wanted to come to Mountain Friends Camp because I enjoy summer camps and this looked like a perfect fit for me, much like IMYM, which meant so much to me for the 9 or 10 years I attended.



New Cooks: Beverley: I have been part of summer camps for 50+ years, starting with Girl Scouts, 'way back when!' During the rest of the year I sew, make quilts and work with pre-schoolers to adults doing art therapy and re-evaluation co-counseling. I have been cooking for crowds since childhood and look forward to sharing meals, recipes and more....



Heather: I was born in Washington State, but I have lived in N.M. for a long time with my aunt Beverley. I like music, traveling, pen pals, collections, and embroidery. I have a disability called Asperger's so you might think I'm shy, but It just takes me a while to get used to things.

Lucy: I was born and raised in England, but have now spent exactly half of my life in Colorado. I live in the mountains in a small log cabin outside Bailey with Dave and the younger three of our six kids, where we homeschool, raise chickens and play lots of music. I trained as an ecologist at college and enjoy gardening and planting 300 trees on our 43 acres each year. I also love to play my doublebass, Hugo, in the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra in Denver. I was raised a Quaker, and attend Mountain View Friends Meeting whenever I can get down there.

Returning Cook: Pat Easterling: I was a Navy brat who moved often, though Dad managed to get several tours in Hawaii. Dad was a good cook, and his influence helped me adapt to cooking for Mountain Friends Camp – enough garlic, onions, and olive oil and we'll be fine! As an adult I came to consider myself a Quaker, though I wasn't always the most regular attender. Dorothy L., a senior member of Logan Meeting, did quip that I seemed

"MFC, to me, means a time to get away from all the worries and stresses of urban life and be able to dig my hands into raw nature."

"MFC helped me understand what I believed in."

"You should definitely come! You get to do really fun stuff and at the same time have the satisfying feeling of getting a job done and helping someone."

"This place was so peaceful and the people were wonderful. I learned a lot about myself and Quakerism."

to show up when there was food! (Mmm, Quaker Potlucks!). Later, after Brenda and I had children we became regular attenders and soon, members. And my attendance in Biz Meeting has (almost) nothing to do with the great snacks and deserts. Looking forward to this summer!

New Counselors: Mark Janney grew up in Albuquerque NM. His passions include reading, music, mathematics, backpacking and cycling. Solidly rooted in liberal Christianity, his spiritual quest took him down the contemplative path, and eventually to Quakerism. He is a member of Tempe Monthly Meeting, attending there since 1995.



Valerie Ireland attends Boulder Monthly Meeting, is a kindergarten teacher, wife, and mother of 2 young adults.

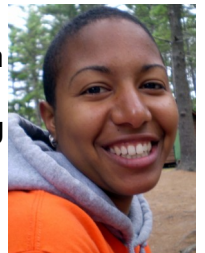
Valerie has been serving youth in various capacities for 30 years, including foster parenting, girl scouts, and leading IMYM Children's Yearly Meeting. Valerie has been active on the Mountain Friends Camp committee since 2009, when she found us our first hosts in Gardner Colorado. She is excited to finally be serving Mountain Friends Camp this year as OAF (Older Adult Friend) staff.

David Ireland I am pleased to have the opportunity to be on staff for this year's MFC and look forward to seeing what it's all about. Val and I have been into checking out all sorts of sustainable lifestyle and housing ideas for some time now. I am particularly into bleeding edge "free energy" inventions which are currently getting closer and closer to the marketplace. Val and I feel that the future hinges on the ability to figure things out like sustainability and living green. They will be great skills to have in the future. We welcome the opportunity to talk with interested people on these subjects.



Linda Raczek is a long-time resident of Cortez, in the far southwest corner of Colorado known as the Four Corners area. Her passions are birding, backpacking, and sailing. Linda's favorite job of all time was crewing on Pete Seeger's Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, where she was called "Sparky" and taught NYC kids about the environment. The past several years she has managed a small nature/archeological preserve in Cortez and organized the Ute Mountain/Mesa Verde Birding Festival. She is a member of Durango Friends Meeting.

DaKishia Reid: I am a seeker in the truest sense of the word, and am enjoying a rich life through new discoveries and understanding. I enjoy good conversation, pomegranates, and hopes to some day co-create and reside in a self-sustaining community. While new to the Friends community, I have a long and thriving relationship with the Divine. I've also spent the last year as a Guide for young people in the Southern Utah High deserts, and enjoy being under the sky more than most anything else.



Returning Counselors: Eric Wright: I'm a member of Mountain View Friends Meeting in Denver, and have been a Quaker all my life. I think my favorite job was working as a counselor and program director at Camp Dark Waters, a Quaker camp in New Jersey, when I was in high school and college. More recently I've helped run a Family Resource Center in Denver. I'm married and have two grown daughters, Maya and Jenny. I'm sixty-five this year, and starting to think of myself as retired. I like being outdoors, cooking, playing guitar and singing, and getting to know people in a group. My goal for Mountain Friends Camp is to be a good listener.

Ariel Bibby returns for the third time this summer to reprise her role as a counselor for Mountain Friends Camp. Over the last few years she has been glad to become familiar with Quakerism, meeting many F/friends at IMYM and on the Quaker Road in 2011 and 12- the individuals have been exceptionally kind and welcoming, and the practice has helped her grow spiritually and personally. Ariel enjoys the outdoors, sports, telling stories, and adventuring, and looks forward to camp this summer.

Camp Director: Anastacia Easterling: I grew up in Utah and became a member of Logan Friends Meeting right before moving away at age 17. Since then I've studied, worked and traveled all over the place, but am always glad to come back to Logan and connect with friends and family. My favorites are hiking, climbing trees, knitting, biking, and adventurers with friends. See you soon!

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