Junior holidays 2018

Meet the JH representatives.....

- Natasha
- Lucie
- Daisy
- ► Esme
- Alice
- ► Thomas
- Micah
- Clare
- Bronwen
- Anne



What are junior holidays?

- Short adventure breaks for young people aged between 7 and 12 from the Quakers in Yorkshire area.
- A chance for young people to meet together, get to know each other and spend time away from their family in a Quaker group.

What do we do on junior holidays?

- Play games
- Adventure activities e.g. caving, archery, obstacles, team building
- Craft activities
- Share talents
- Have good food
- Meet old friends / make friends
- Help each other / help with jobs
- Have some quiet time, mindfulness and epilogue
- Reflect on the weekend theme
- Have fun!

We had two weekends away in 2018

- June 2018 Nell Bank, Ilkley; 24 children, 8 adults, 1 teenage volunteer
- October 2018 Fanwood, Gomersall; 26 children, 9 adults, 2 teenage volunteers
- We also had a summer picnic in September at Airton Barn

Nell Bank Ilkley





2018

- This year we have used centres with lots of facilities and some activities organised by centre staff
- There is a cost to this but it gives some space to the adult volunteers and a wider variety of activities for children
- We have a core team of adult and teenage volunteers and this year we have gained several new volunteers who have brought new skills and ideas
- Adult and teenage volunteers meet before the holidays for training and planning.
- Our teenage volunteers take a valued role in planning activities and supporting the children over the holiday
- The committee has had access to administrative support this year for recording meetings, advertising, application forms and dealing with information
- We have developed our spiritual practice over the weekend which we introduce through the weekend themes based on Advices and Queries

Holiday themes

Challenge yourself; living adventurously

Truth and stories

These are introduced at the start of the holiday and form the basis of group discussion and epilogues

Feedback from children

- ▶ We meet children from other Meetings
- We don't have to explain what we believe
- We make friends



Feedback from volunteers

"I got more spiritual nourishment from the holiday than a silent retreat!"

