

## **Welcome to Quakers in Yorkshire Junior Holidays 2019!**

***Our holidays are short adventure breaks for young people aged between 7 and 13, from the Quakers in Yorkshire area. They are a chance for young people to meet together, get to know each other and spend time away from their family in a Quaker group.***

**The next junior holiday at Lockerbrook Activity Centre is now open for bookings**

- **Where?** Lockerbrook Activity Centre, Snake Pass, Bamford, Hope Valley, S33 0BJ  
**When?** Friday 4th October 6pm to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 1pm 2019  
**Who?** Children aged 7-13  
**What does it cost?** £70 (£65 for the second child)

**What happens on the holidays?** They are a mixture of doing things with the whole group and having time to relax in small groups. We spend a lot of time outdoors, exploring the local area, going for walks, playing games. We sing, dance, make things, have stories and tell jokes. We have a Meeting for Worship and short quiet times each day. Everyone helps to set the tables, wash up and clear away after meals. Sleeping is in boys / girls dormitories.

**Activities:** This is the first time we have used Lockerbrook for one of our holidays and we are looking forward to it! It looks like a fantastic place. At this holiday we will be trying out some of the activities offered on the site including climbing, high ropes and night line. These activities will be led by suitably trained staff from the activity centre and so are a great opportunity to try out something new. If you would like further information on Lockerbrook please refer to their website [www.lockerbrook.org.uk](http://www.lockerbrook.org.uk). If you have any questions about any potential activities or concerns about your child's participation in them please contact Bronwen Alty on 01924 372534 or 07843 485645 or [bronwenalty@gmail.com](mailto:bronwenalty@gmail.com), or make a note on the form.

**Who's running the holidays?** The gatherings are planned by the Quakers in Yorkshire Junior Holidays Committee. They are normally staffed by up to eight adult volunteers and older teenage volunteers.

**What about the costs?** The costs of the holidays have increased over recent years which have up to now been subsidized by Quakers in Yorkshire. However in order to make the holidays sustainable we have regretfully acknowledged that we need to put up the price of the holiday per child. Nevertheless, we understand how important these holidays are to children in our Quaker community and we would not want a child to miss out due to cost. If you have any concerns about the cost of the holiday please contact Bronwen (details above) or speak with your Local Meeting's Overseers. Subsidies or full bursary support can be made available if required.

**I'm an adult who'd like to volunteer to help with the holidays – what do I do?** Thank you! We're always keen to find more volunteers. Do get in touch and we'll send you an application form.

**So how do I book?** Complete the attached form and send back to Jackie Baily; Prospect House, 6 Westgate, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, YO7 1QS, [jackie@virtuosity-uk.com](mailto:jackie@virtuosity-uk.com),

Full payment for the holidays is required at the time of booking. Cheques should be made payable to Quakers in Yorkshire – *please put your child's name and "Junior Holiday" on the back of the cheque.*

**Closing dates!** By 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019. We have limited places – please book early! *If you're in a*

*rush – email the form to [jackie@virtuosity-uk.com](mailto:jackie@virtuosity-uk.com) and post the cheque as soon as you can.*

**What happens next?** If you provide an email address we'll acknowledge your booking by email. Final holiday details including how to get there, a list of 'what to bring' and a 'Safe and Happy' form will be sent out a couple of weeks before the holiday.

**I have more questions...** If you have any queries about the Junior Holiday Committee or the holidays, please contact Bronwen Alty on [bronwenalty@gmail.com](mailto:bronwenalty@gmail.com) , 07843 485645 or 01924 372534.

**Voluntary Donations** are invited to help meet the full costs of the holidays which continue to be subsidized by Quakers in Yorkshire.

**Children with specific needs:** we wish to welcome all children to our holidays. It is essential that we know well in advance what children's needs are so that we can plan ahead and make sure that each child has a safe and happy time. Please bear in mind that our volunteers do not necessarily have specialist training, though they are usually parents or people with experience of working with children at Quaker events. Please put any information on the application form that will help your child. If your child has additional support at school it would be useful if you could tell us what that is so we can plan accordingly. Please feel free to telephone Bronwen Alty (01924 372534) to talk about things before you book.

**Safety/ Medical Information** is required to help us to be clear about parental consent and medical needs. Please add any extra information you feel we should need.

**IMPORTANT: Contacting you during Junior Holiday** - we need to ensure that everyone has a safe and happy time. This means that we assure participants that we cannot allow the behaviour of disruptive children to upset the enjoyment of the rest of the group or affect its safety. It is therefore possible that we might need a child to be collected early – and the same situation may arise should a child become unwell. By applying for a place at Junior Holiday, parents / guardians must agree to remain contactable and to make any necessary arrangements to collect a child early when requested by Junior Holiday staff.

**Safeguarding:** We follow the safeguarding policies set out by Quakers in Yorkshire. The safeguarding contact for Junior Holidays is Clare Wigzell [clarewigzell@virginmedia.com](mailto:clarewigzell@virginmedia.com), and the safeguarding co-ordinator for Quakers in Yorkshire under-19s are Ruth McTigue, [smctighe@cix.co.uk](mailto:smctighe@cix.co.uk) and Rosie Yeoman, [rosanna.yeoman@gmail.com](mailto:rosanna.yeoman@gmail.com). Information about safeguarding contacts for each specific holiday will be sent out with the final mailing.

**Data Protection:** The information you provide on the form will be held by Quakers in Yorkshire and the Junior Holiday committee will be responsible for it. We will use the information for the purposes of administering the events on which you are booking.