

Junior Holidays



# Committee / Volunteers

Committee now has 6 members (only 2 last year!)

Pool of Volunteers is strong and growing

Teenage volunteers

# Activities in 2017

We had 2 holidays:

- Barmoor June 2017: 18 children, 6 adults, 2 teenage volunteers
- Fanwood Oct 2017: 21 children, 7 adults, 3 teenage volunteers
- Children age range 6-12 years
- Holidays are very popular with children. Nearly all repeat bookings. Lots of positive feedback from children and parents.

What do we do on  
our junior holidays?

Play games, indoors and out

Go for walks

Sing songs

Share talents

Craft activities

Adventure activities depending on venue e.g.  
archery, caving, obstacle course

Have good food

Make friends

Help each other / help with jobs

Have some quiet time

Reflect on the holiday theme

Have fun!

# Plans for 2018

Nell Bank, Ilkley booked for 8-10<sup>th</sup> June

Fanwood, Gomersall booked for 19-21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2018

# Learning / feedback

- Volunteer training / preparation / team building
- Value of teenage volunteers
- Nest groups promoted new friendships
- 'Buddy' for children with additional needs
- Balance between structured activities and free time
- Holiday theme to introduce spiritual activities
- We had some beautiful ministry from children about diversity, inclusiveness, friendship, teamwork, light, hope, growth, positivity, peace, acceptance and equality.
- As adults we felt humbled and inspired

# Reflections on our holiday theme of friendship

- “When I came here I was worried I wouldn’t make any friends but I soon realised I already had some friends who were here and I soon got to make lots more.”
- “Everyone was very friendly and helped me when I was home sick so I didn’t feel homesick anymore..”
- “When we were caving my light didn’t work and I was scared. My friend helped me by leading the way through the dark.”
- “The only way to have a friend is to be one.”
- “I got to challenge myself and work with others, not just those I already knew”

# Feedback from parents

“The kids had the most amazing time at Fanwood. They didn't want to come home and talked for hours about everything they did”

“I think the choice of venue was superb – providing the right amount of activity and stimulation for these very active children. \*\*\*\*\* got a great deal from the experience and he said that he thought the weekend was well organised. I loved the idea of the little book which they brought home with comments from the other children.”

“XXXX and XXX had such a lovely time at Barmoor thanks to all your hard work. All afternoon/evening they've been enthusiastically telling us about all the fun experiences they had and have both come back a few inches taller!”

“Our children have had a magical time - you found the right mix of adventurous and nurturing.”



# Summary

**We have had a good year with junior holidays.**

**We are now in strong position with committee members, volunteers and children who want to come.**

**But we could always have more!**

**Please encourage any children you know with Quaker links to come to Junior Holidays. They will have a great time!**

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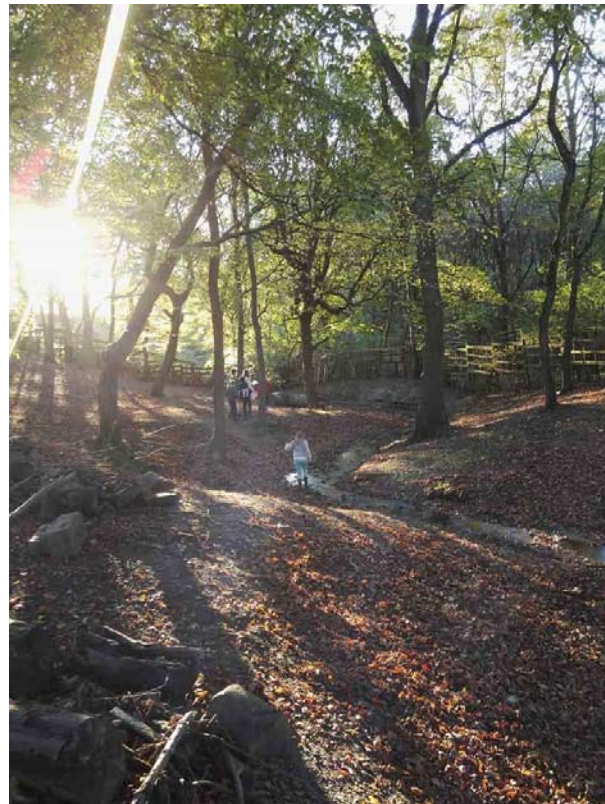
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## **Quakers in Yorkshire Junior Holidays: The Role of the Teenage Volunteer**

### **Before the holiday:**

1. An adult needs to be allocated to work as teenage volunteer liaison person (TVL) with the teenage volunteers (TV).
2. Teenage volunteers need to attend a planning meeting with TLP. Teenagers to be supported so they can offer ideas for the holiday, agree suitable roles, select activities and prepare resources etc for the weekend. These to be incorporated into the holiday timetable. Some discussion is needed about the fact that teenagers will be role models.

### **During the Holiday Weekend:**

3. TV need to take responsibility for making sure that everything is set up at the right time for the activities they are leading.
4. Teenagers to explain to the children at the beginning what their role is e.g. teenagers can help make a cup of cocoa or use the iron etc.
5. Teenager Volunteers to take part in decision-making with the adult volunteers during the holiday in particular those that affect them.
6. As well as running their own activities, TV to contribute to the running of weekend activities and support the adult volunteers. There should always be an adult volunteer to assist when teenagers are doing an activity.
7. During the holiday, there should be a brief meetings between the TLP and TVs to check out how things are going during the holiday.
8. If possible, the teenagers to have a bedroom of their own.
9. Teenagers to take part in cleaning or tidying jobs with the adults.
10. Teenagers to help to support/spend time with children who don't want to take part or need an alternative activity or need time on their own.
11. Teenager volunteers to support children's development, behaviour and relationships throughout the weekend and inform adults of any issues as necessary.
12. The teenagers to inform children about the older children's holidays.
13. The TLP to ensure that the holiday is an opportunity for teenage volunteers to develop their learning, personalities and skills.

### **After the holiday weekend:**

14. Teenage Volunteers to be involved in a review of the holiday.
15. If possible, teenagers to help with reporting back to QiY and to promote future holidays.