

whym fall 2014

Fall Western Half Yearly Meeting, October 10-13, 2014, Camp Valaqua, Water Valley, Alberta

LOCATION

Camp Valaqua is a Mennonite Camp on the Little Red Deer River, 5 km north of Water Valley, Alberta. Water Valley is a small community 80 km north-west of Calgary. To get to the camp, turn north off Hwy 1 (Trans Canada Hwy) 32 km west of Calgary, onto Hwy 22 toward Cochrane. Travel north on Hwy 22 for approximately 35 km to the Water Valley exit at Alberta Secondary Highway 579. Turn west on Hwy 579. Travel approximately 8 km to Water Valley. Turn north at the four-way-stop intersection in Water Valley. Travel 5 km to the Camp Valaqua entrance on the right, just before the Little Red Deer River.

PROGRAM

Program begins with supper and an M&C co-ordinated event on Friday evening. Please don't arrive on site before 3 pm Friday. Calgary MM is co-ordinating Children's Program. WHYM ends Monday morning and we are responsible for cleaning up after ourselves at this time.

ACCOMMODATION

There are 2 choices for sleeping accommodation.

- 1) Dormitory. In the main building there are 12 rooms on two floors, with varying numbers of beds in each room and washrooms on the main floor. Typically, a room has 8 - 16 beds, i.e. 4 - 8 bunks.
- 2) Cabins (12). The cabins are very basic. They do NOT have electricity or plumbing. They are heated by a wood-burning stove and sleep 8 persons in bunks. Bring a flashlight. Bring your own sleeping bag or bedding, including a pillow. There are mattresses on the beds. There are a few private sleeping spaces. If you need a room with privacy, notify Paul Hopkins.

FACILITIES

A large meeting / dining space with a fireplace, a fully equipped kitchen, and 2 smaller meeting spaces are located in the same building as the dorm rooms. There is also a large activity room in another building. The Camp Valaqua phone number is (403) 637-2510.

MEALS

We provide and prepare our own food. Bring food that represents your share of the food for the weekend. Heat-and-serve meals such as casseroles work well. Garden produce is always welcome. If you cannot bring food you will be asked to contribute \$15 per day per person (\$40 for the weekend), \$7 for children 5-12 (\$18 for the weekend), so we can buy food. However, purchasing food for many Friends in a semi-remote location adds a substantial amount of work for Friends coordinating our meals. Bring food if you can.

COST

Fees are \$30 per night (or \$18 per day) per person (adults and children 5+ years). There is no charge for children 4 and under. An adult would pay camp fees of \$90 if she/he arrived Friday night and departed Monday after breakfast.

TRANSPORTATION

If you need a ride from the airport or bus terminal contact Heidi Dick: ph 403-284-0818, email heididick@shaw.ca
If you need travel assistance funds, first, request assistance from your monthly meeting and then, if you still need assistance, notify Paul Hopkins as early as possible. Your request will be forwarded to finance committee. Decisions regarding travel assistance will be made during the WHYM weekend gathering.

REGISTRATION

Please tell us how many people are coming and your accommodation preference by Monday, October 1. Fees are collected on site.

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QUESTIONS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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NO PETS