

FALL WESTERN HALF YEARLY MEETING

(Religious Society of Friends)

CAMP VALAQUA, AB

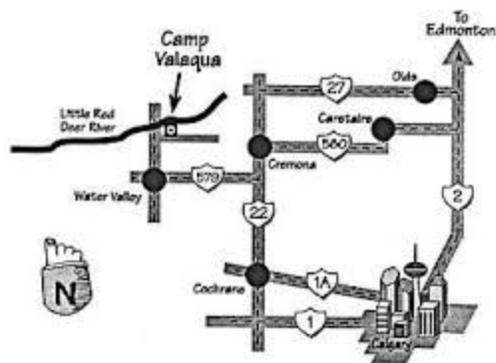
October 5-8th, 2018



[Click here for a direct link to our online registration.](#) Read below for more info.

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 on **Friday** evening with supper and an intergenerational event coordinated by Ministry & Counsel. Please don't arrive on site before 3 pm Friday.

Saturday and Sunday daytime will include time for worship, Meeting for Worship for Business, Special Interest Groups and plenty of free time. Children's Program will be led by the community, with many fun activities both indoors and outdoors.

On **Saturday** evening there will be a special presentation by Rachel Yordy and Barbara Heather entitled *Truth and Healing: Honouring Indigenous Rights, Acknowledging Quaker legacies, and Seeking Right Relations*. This is following up from a workshop they attended at Pendle Hill as well as a SIG Rachel led at Spring WHYM (2018). Rachel will also incorporate her Masters' work, which deals with what she calls a "Two Row Reconciliation Framework" and nonformal Reconciliation/Decolonization Education programming.

Sunday evening will be Family Night, a fantastic opportunity to share talents and artistry together.

WHYM ends **Monday** morning and we are responsible for cleaning up after ourselves at this time.

Accommodation

There are 2 choices for sleeping accommodation. In either case, bring your own sleeping bag or bedding, including a pillow. There are mattresses on the beds.

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 basic and very cozy. They do not have electricity or plumbing. They are heated by wood-burning stove and electric heaters. They sleep 8 persons in bunks. Bring a flashlight.

There are a few private sleeping spaces. If you need a room with privacy, notify the registrar (whymregistrar@gmail.com)



Meals

Erin Laing is excited to be coordinating all meals for the weekend. All meals will be gluten free. We ask that everyone participate in at least one of the following ways: donate money*, donate food and/or donate time in the kitchen (you can sign up when you arrive). If you are able to donate food (especially garden produce!), please contact Erin in advance (eg. do not just bring a random box of pasta from your cupboard).

While meals will be taken care of, we ask that everyone bring some snacks and drinks to share.

*If you choose to donate money, consider approximately \$20/day.

For all food and meal inquiries: Erin Laing - newrootsmidwife@gmail.com

Cost

Fees are collected on site. These prices do not include financial donations to cover food costs.

<p><i>Adults (over 18):</i> \$100/weekend OR \$35/night OR Day by donation (if you do not stay overnight)</p>	<p><i>Young Friends (13-18):</i> \$60/weekend OR \$20/night OR Day by donation (if you do not stay overnight)</p>	<p><i>Youngest Friends (0-12):</i> FREE</p>
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Transportation

If you need a ride from the airport or bus terminal contact the registrar, Beth Curry (whymregistrar@gmail.com). If you need travel assistance funds, first, request assistance from your monthly meeting and then, if you still need assistance, notify Beth 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

To register, please fill out our [online registration form](#) and/or contact the registrar (Beth Curry) directly at whymregistrar@gmail.com by Wednesday, September 26th.