

## BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY SCHEDULE

### Friday

- 6:00 Brown Bag Supper or eat on your own. Registration & Set up Displays
- 8:00 About Camp Menno Haven and The Mennonites (by Menno Haven staff and Rich Foss of Plow Creek Mennonite Fellowship)

### Saturday

- 8:00 Breakfast (Dining Hall in Lodge)
- 9:00-11:00 Adult Program (large and small group discussion of Simplicity Queries)
- 9:00-12:00 Children's Program - Earth Day Art
- 11:00-12:00 IYM Planning Session
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30-2:30 Free Time
- 2:30-5:30 Children's Program
- 2:30-3:30 Adult Program (large group discussion on Simplicity in our Meetings)
- 3:30-5:30 Business Meeting & State of Society Reports
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:00-7:00 Free Time & Fellowship
- 7:00-9:00 Square Dance in the gym

### Sunday

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:30-10:30 Continuation of Business or IYM Planning (if needed) or free time
- 9:30-10:30 Children's Program
- 10:30-11:30 Meeting for Worship (children in for first 15 minutes)
- 10:45-11:30 FIRST DAY SCHOOL for children
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Clean-up and Departure

### Notes on Schedule:

- The Adult program will be in Lakeview Lodge.
- The Children's program will be in the Bluejay bunkroom.
- The Dining hall is in Lakeview Lodge.

## MENNO HAVEN POLICIES

- Smoking is absolutely prohibited in all buildings at Menno Haven and is strongly discouraged on any camp property.
- Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are also prohibited.
- Pets are not permitted on Menno Haven property. Housing a pet in a guest room may result in a fine and being asked to find alternate lodging.
- Shirts and shoes must be worn in the dining hall at all times. Swim suits may not be worn in the dining hall.
- Snacks are to be eaten in designated areas only.
- Please be quiet in and around the buildings after 10:00 pm out of respect for other guests.
- Radios, tape players, etc. are permitted only in rooms designated for your group. Please be respectful of others when you set the volume.
- Please leave elements of nature undisturbed for others to enjoy.
- Motorbikes, all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles are not allowed on the trails.
- All vehicles are to remain on the driveway and parking lot.

## OTHER THINGS TO BE MINDFUL OF:

- Meals are served at 8:00 am, 12:00 noon and 5:30 pm. Please be on time.
- There is another group sharing the camp with us on Friday night through Saturday afternoon. They will be using the Lodge meeting room on Saturday morning from 7 - 8 am and on Saturday after lunch. Please be quiet in this space during those times.
- There are many activities available for use during our free time - In the Activity Center there is a gym (with volleyball, and basketball), a game room (with ping pong, air hockey, etc), hiking trails, canoes, and much more.
- All Children's Programs take place during adult sessions. Parents are responsible for their own children during meals and free time.

## **“Simplicity is Complicated!”**

### **Queries:**

1. What is the structure of my life? What brings me to the possibility of hearing Spirit’s voice? What removes that possibility? What is one small change I can make so as to hear Spirit better?
2. In my experience, how does living the Truth help me live a life of spiritual simplicity? What does living the Truth look like? How do I live the Truth? How do I not live the Truth? What benefits have I discovered when I have lived the Truth? What one small step can I take to live the Truth more completely?
3. What does letting go mean to you? (letting go of what?)
4. What gives you life? What gives you energy? When you walk into a room, what feels good? What depletes you?
5. How do we live a simple life with children? How do we teach our children about simplicity?
6. How much of the structure of our Meetings brings us closer to the Spirit? How much of it just keeps us busy?

### **Quotes/Thoughts for Discussion:**

- The simple life is one in which there is always time to remember the divine purpose behind each of our tasks, time to listen for a possible divine amendment to our day’s schedule, and time to be thankful for the divine presence at each moment of the day. – Lloyd Lee Wilson, 1993
- “The essence of a simple life – to be present where you are and to turn with spontaneous joy to each new activity”. – Douglas Steere
- If we are to stay in touch with the Inner Teacher, moving toward a life grounded more and more in the Light, then we need to reduce the number of things that demand our attention, so that it is possible to do so. – Christopher Sammond
- Simplicity clears the springs of life and permits wholesome mirth and gladness to bubble up; it cleans the windows of life and lets joy radiate. – PYM Faith and Practice, 1955
- Simplicity releases us from that which drains and depletes us and redirects our energy toward God. – NYYM Faith and Practice, 1998
- The rush and pressure of modern life are a form, perhaps the most common form, of its innate violence. To allow oneself to be carried away by a multiple of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit oneself to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything is to submit to succumb to violence. More than that it is cooperation in violence. The frenzy of the activist destroys the fruitfulness of her/his own work, because it kills the root of inner wisdom which makes work fruitful. -Thomas Merton
- Live adventurously. When choices arise, do you take the way that offers the fullest opportunity for the use of your gifts in the service of God and the community? Let your life speak. When decisions have to be made, are you ready to join with others in seeking clearness, asking for God’s guidance and offering council to one another?  
- “Quaker Faith & Practice”, Advices and queries, BYM, 1995
- Every stage of our lives offers fresh opportunities. Responding to divine guidance, try to discern the right time to undertake or relinquish responsibilities without undue pride or guilt. Attend to what love requires of you, which may not be great happiness.  
- “Quaker Faith & Practice”, Advices and queries, BYM, 1995