

# Friends Southern Summer Events



# SUMMER SCHOOL

## Information Pack



for **Quakers aged 11 – 14**

**Friends' School, Saffron Walden  
21 – 28 August 2010**

## **WHAT IS SUMMER SCHOOL?**

Summer School is nothing like school! It is a week-long Quaker gathering for young people aged 11 to 14. It is an exciting and busy week, packed with activities and a chance to meet new people and make friends, to have fun, and be together in a Quaker environment.

This year the theme for the week is **Spiritual Identity – who I am in Quakerism**. We explore the theme with visiting speakers and through simulations, workshops and small group discussions. Everyone is part of a small supportive base group which meets each day to get to know each other, play games and talk about the theme (and many other things).

Days begin with worship and end with epilogue. In between they are filled with plenty of activity. There is a variety of fun, creative and active workshops, including music, art and crafts, swimming and other sports. There is also an afternoon out and a day trip to Cambridge, lively evening entertainments, discos and a bonfire.

Here are some things that people who have been to Summer School before have said:

**“I made good friends and did loads of creative stuff”**

**“I enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and sense of community”**

**“Great fun!”**

**“I liked meeting everyone and being part of a real special community”**

**“The games were fun and the socials reinforced the friendly environment”**

**“There were lots of activities and they were cool”**

**“I loved my base group, it was a good way of getting together and discussing things”**

**“I've never felt so free”**

***“Worship was a really special time for me. The silence is beautiful, especially in epilogue”***

**We look forward to seeing you in August!**

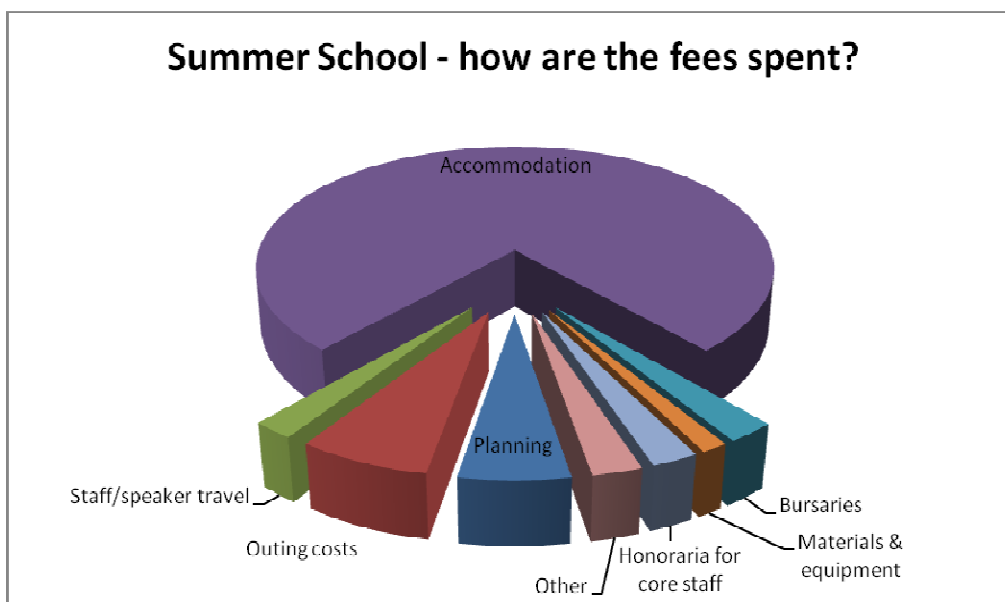
# SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION 2010

Two adult coordinators (one male and one female) are responsible for the running of Summer School. They are assisted by a team of adult volunteers. In organising and running its events, Friends Southern Summer Events follows guidelines from Britain Yearly Meeting concerning the safety and wellbeing of those taking part. A copy of FSSE's child protection policy can be seen on the FSSE website [www.fsse.org.uk](http://www.fsse.org.uk). All adult volunteers are required to have current, enhanced disclosures from the Criminal Records Bureau.

**If you have any questions about Summer School please get in touch with the Coordinators. All forms and dietary/health information and payment should be sent to the Bookings Secretary.**

<b>Coordinators</b>	Anna Trethewey and Oliver Waterhouse Email: <a href="mailto:summerschool@fsse.org.uk">summerschool@fsse.org.uk</a>
<b>Bookings Secretary</b>	Alison Tyabji Email: <a href="mailto:summerschool@fsse.org.uk">summerschool@fsse.org.uk</a> Telephone: 077584 58817
<b>Dates</b>	Saturday afternoon 21 August to Saturday morning 28 August
<b>Venue</b>	Friends' School, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3EB
<b>Costs</b>	a) Summer School fee £305.00 (including deposit of £50) b) Travel to and from Saffron Walden c) Pocket money (about £15 is recommended)
<b>Number of places</b>	80
<b>Ages</b>	11 to 14 years old (under 15 at 1 September 2010)
<b>Theme</b>	Spiritual Identity – who I am in Quakerism
<b>Meals</b>	For all meals there will be vegetarian and meat options. Other dietary needs are also catered for (please indicate any dietary needs on your application form).
<b>Travel</b>	Further details concerning travel will be sent if a place is offered. Subject to sufficient demand group travel will be arranged to leave a central meeting point in London at about 2.30pm on 21 August and to return there about noon on Saturday 28 August. Otherwise parents and participants are expected to make their own arrangements for travel to and from Saffron Walden.

## HOW ARE SUMMER SCHOOL FEES SPENT?



## HOW TO APPLY

- To apply for a place at Summer School please fill in an application form. Parents and guardians will need to sign the form.
- You will need to get the signature of a clerk, elder or overseer from your local meeting to show that you are connected with Quakers. If you are unable to do this for any reason, please contact us.
- Send your completed form by email or post to the **Bookings Secretary (see Application form)** as soon as you can.
- **You should apply before 15 March 2010.** Priority is given to people from meetings in the South of England (you'll find a list at [www.fsse.org.uk](http://www.fsse.org.uk)). Then we offer places to those who were on last year's waiting list and also to those from meetings where there is no similar event during 2010.
- For applications received after 15 March, any spare places will be offered on a first come first served basis.
- If you give us your email address or send a stamped addressed envelope, we will let you know that we've received your form. This doesn't guarantee you a place at Summer School.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- We will write to you in April 2010 to offer your son or daughter a place or indicate that they have a place on the waiting list.
- At the same time the Medical & Consent Form will be sent out to everyone who is offered a place. This includes the Summer School boundaries – please note that participants are required to sign their acceptance of the boundaries. The Medical & Consent Form should be returned together with your deposit plus part or full payment.

## PAYMENT & BURSARIES

- **In order to confirm your place you will need to send a non-refundable deposit of £50 within one month of receiving your offer of a place.** You may also send full payment at this stage, as it is easier.
- Full payment of £305 is due by 30 June 2010. In the event of you cancelling your place after acceptance, the deposit is non-refundable.
- **Please make all cheques payable to Friends Southern Summer Events and clearly mark the (or for siblings, each) participant's name on the back of the cheque.**
- It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that full payment including any bursary from your Local or Area Meeting is paid **by 30 June 2010**. If you need help with the payment/bursary request process, please get in touch with the Bookings Secretary. **FSSE will not contact meetings to collect bursaries on your behalf.**
- Your Local or Area Meeting may well have funds available. The overseers at your local meeting are a good first point of contact.
- Our expectation is that bursary help where required should come from Local/Area Meetings. However, if for some reason this is not the case, FSSE can grant a limited number of bursaries. If you are unsure, please contact us early! It is FSSE policy that no one should be prevented from attending for financial reasons.