

Bristol Quaker Camp 2024 at Talgarth, near the Black Mountains

Saturday 27th July to Saturday 3rd August

This year we will be camping at Talgarth in Wales on a new site for us, close to the Black Mountains. The field is large, with a (fenced) stream at the bottom, the farmer is very friendly and we are pleased to be trying out a new site. There are footpaths directly from the site into the nearby village of Talgarth, and lots of walks and activities in the area. And of course, as usual, there will be plenty happening for all ages on the site.

About Camp

Camp is a marvellous opportunity for children and adults to live together as part of a community in natural surroundings. People of all ages and circumstances are welcomed, with or without partners or children. All share equally in camp life, including games, walks and campfire, as well as essential jobs such as cooking, washing up, making cocoa or emptying the loos. In between these there is plenty of time to sit in the sun (or rain), talk or simply relax. Each camp has a different range of activities, depending on its location and the interests of the campers.

Daily meetings for worship are held mid-morning and again around the evening campfire. Camp elders steer these meetings and also facilitate the daily discussion groups.

Camp is a friendly and communal week. However, parents remain responsible for their children at all times unless they make specific arrangements with another trusted adult. Camp itself does not assume responsibility for children or provide childcare.

How does camp operate?

Camp is a community, powered only by the effort of those attending it. Support is required from all campers before, during and after the actual event so please assist wherever you can: helping out at camp repair day, camp committee meetings, loading and unloading the lorry and doing your fair share of jobs at camp. Campers are left to consider their own sense of responsibility on this.

Camp equipment is shared with Gloucester Area Meeting (who will follow us at Talgarth this year). A marquee, gas stoves, loos, tables, chairs, crockery and cutlery are provided. There are some spare tents to borrow but if you have one, please bring your own.

Camp Costs

When booking for camp, select the tier that you feel able to pay, for each person attending.

2024 Fees			
	Tier 1 (Subsidised)	Tier 2 (Standard)	Tier 3 (Supporter)
1-8 years	£10	£20	£30
9-15 years	£35	£50	£75
Adults (age 16+)	£65	£100	£135

The cost includes all meals, campsite fees, plus communal camp equipment, transport and hire for the week. We encourage people to attend for the full week. There is no reduction if people attend part of the week only.

Bursary

We have a bursary fund for anyone who needs more support. This can be requested during the application process on top of the tiered structure above.

Booking

Booking can be done online at www.bristolquakercamp.weebly.com/booking.

You can contact Alice and Jessie at camp.convenors@bristolquakers.org.uk

The booking forms should be completed by Saturday 18th May at latest, along with **payment** for either the full amount or the (non-refundable) deposit of £20 per person. Medical forms are now included in the booking form.

Please be aware that camp is very popular, Bristol Quakers and previous campers will be given priority. In previous years, all places have been booked up within a very short period of time and we have had to turn people away or operate a waiting list.

Please do not bring extra, un-booked people to camp – contact Alice and Jessie to check if there is space.

Key dates

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Saturday 18th May

Final date for camp booking

Your booking forms and deposit must be received by this date, but it is best to book earlier to avoid risk of disappointment.

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Saturday 18th May

Share and Repair - at Bedminster Meeting House. This is a great opportunity for new campers to get a flavour of camp life, meeting up with other campers to look over the equipment and share lunch together.

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Saturday 22nd June

Final balance due

Please make sure to pay the full balance by this date as we will be beginning final preparations for camp and purchasing food.

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Saturday 3rd and Saturday 10th Aug
(3pm approx. – TBC)

Lorry Unloading

We will need to unload the vans twice this year, with us bringing back one load on the day we finish and Gloucester bringing the other back when they finish.

There is a lot of equipment but **many hands make light work**, so everyone who can, please come along to help - we need lots of volunteers!

Our equipment is currently stored at **Bedminster Meeting House**
52 Wedmore Vale
Bristol BS3 5HX

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Alternatively, our sister camp, Gloucester, will be camping between 15th and 22nd/23rd August – they are a smaller camp and welcome newcomers. Please contact Martin Quick: , mjquick@talktalk.net for more information.
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