



August 3, 2011,

Dear Samuel School Participant,

First off, let me say CONGRATULATIONS on being selected for Samuel School I. Your selection means that the elders of your church believe in you as a developing young leader, and we are excited about the opportunity to walk alongside you as you continue to listen for God's calling upon your life. We are looking forward to meeting you at Quaker Hill Camp, and here's what the schedule looks like.

We will begin Friday evening, October 7, with registration taking place at 5:00 p.m., then dinner at 5:30, followed by our first session at 7:00. Samuel School will be concluding Sunday, October 9, at noon following lunch.

It may be necessary for those traveling from afar to miss classes on Friday, but with your parent's permission, we feel it would be a worthwhile consideration. Please check with your pastor, youth director or youth-group sponsor to see what transportation is being planned for young people in your area. If there are questions, you might want to contact Rachelle Staley at the Yearly Meeting office, (503) 476-9127 or Rachelle@nwfriends.org.

Samuel School is a spiritual retreat for middle-school students who have shown themselves to be serious about spiritual growth. In preparation for the weekend, we want you to begin thinking about ways you feel like you've "heard" God in the past. How does God communicate with you? How do you and God connect? Your preparation will lead to some really meaningful explorations during our weekend together.

Part of this venture involves the appointing of a mentor for you. Your Eli (mentor) would like to offer support and encouragement for you before and after your Samuel School experience. We hope you will consider this person your friend with whom you can discuss questions or concerns you may have. Your Eli will be contacting you soon to see how best to be of support to you.

Your church will pay the conference expense and arrange transportation for you. You should bring a sleeping bag, towels, warm clothes for the weekend (it is often cold and rainy), your Bible and notebook, and any other necessary personal items. **You will also need to bring the completed medical release form your parent(s) will be receiving.**

If you have questions the contact people in your church can't answer, feel free to call Rachelle Staley at the Yearly Meeting headquarters.



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We are praying for you, that you'll have a fun time and that you'll grow spiritually through this experience. May God bless you richly and make you a blessing to others.

I am so looking forward to seeing you!

Kind Regards,

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