Summer Gathering 2023 - 2024

Guide to Registration Form

This Guide is a partner both to the *online registration form* and to the *General Information sheet,* which tells you more. While we encourage you to read both information documents before completing the form, use the Guide for more focused explanation as you work through.

To register, complete the form as fully as necessary, and submit it electronically. The date of submission counts as the date of your registration. While we ask you to wait for an email confirming the amount to pay, it will help us if you then put through the payment soon.

Explaining some terms

We are using whānau in the broad sense of the whole family group who are registering together, whether or not related.

A 'proxy parent' is someone aged 18+ who accepts responsibility for someone under 16 who is attending Summer Gathering without a responsible adult. See General Information for fuller details.

JYF - Junior Young Friends, those aged roughly 13 - 16. YF - Young Friends, aged 16 - 35.

Working through the form

You need to answer asterisked* questions. Answer other questions if they apply to you.

The two questions about *age* enable us to plan activities, and to request the subsidy from Yearly Meeting.

Where will you sleep?

For those "living out", the camp charges a reduced fee, which is reflected in your cost. We will try to make available a shared bunkroom for YFs. This will depend on numbers and the demand on space.

How are you travelling? If you are not sure of the mode, enter the most likely. If you don't yet have a flight or bus number, let us know when you do.

Special requests

For accommodation, e.g. quiet, near toilet, bottom bunk, full length bunk, same cabin as someone. See General Information for fuller details.

For travel, e.g. arrival at a difficult time.

For health, needs or requests other than food-related ones. We expect you to bring your own medications and other health materials.

For food, any special diet, or items you need to avoid.

Other, anything we've missed.

Do you need meat? Catering is vegan and vegetarian, and we ask those who need meat to take responsibility for it. See General Information for fuller details.

Are you willing to..? Entering something in this section does **not** commit you to offer it at Summer Gathering. You can also make offers at a later date, and at Summer Gathering itself.

The Covid response team keeps general oversight of precautions at the event, and responds if anyone develops infection. A whole range of skills and helpful actions are involved. See the General Information sheet for fuller details.

The pastoral care group cares for the overall spirit of Summer Gathering, and it is there for anyone who experiences discomfort or concern. It includes two people who can be approached if you meet with abuse or harassment. See the General Information sheet for fuller details.

All those attending are allotted to a home group, which includes a wide age range. Each group has a facilitator; facilitation day to day can also be shared or rotated. See the General Information sheet for fuller details.

Offer a kids'/ JYFs' session: As well as all-age events, there can be opportunities for times specially for those in age-groups under 13, and for Junior Young Friends.

A craft or skill session might form part of the 'craft' option in the morning, or be offered separately at another time. See General Information for fuller details.

Similarly, an activities session (outdoors or indoors) might form part of the 'activity' option in the morning, or be offered separately at another time. See General Information for fuller details.

Calculation of fees If you are attending part-time, your 'number of days' is the number of 24-hour periods. Full-time is 8 days. The fees are as follows:

There is no charge for those under 18, and the option of a 50% subsidy for those aged 18 - 25. Otherwise the fees are:

Register by 29 October:

Living in: fulltime \$590 day rate \$74 Living out: fulltime \$555 day rate \$69

Register by 15 November:

Living in: fulltime \$615 day rate \$77 Living out: fulltime \$580 day rate \$72

Register by 1 December:

Living in: fulltime \$640 day rate \$80 Living out: fulltime \$605 day rate \$76

If you are 'dropping in' for one day, the day fee, without meals, is \$10, payable on site; this is to cover venue requirements.

Fees are payable to Religious Society of Friends Dunedin, account 38-9018-0626096-04. Please include your name and SG in the details.

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