

# Summer Gathering 2012 - 2013

will be held at Camp Columba, a site owned by the Presbyterian Church, about 15km east of Gore: from 27 December 2012 to 4 January 2013 - 8 glorious days!

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Dunedin Meeting is delighted to welcome you to this year's Summer Gathering to be held in a beautiful rural setting in the heart of Southland: - not far from the Catlins, which boasts a petrified forest of 160 million years old to the south and to the north the magnificent Nuggets resplendent with lighthouse atop and sealions basking below; also close to Gore with the largest collection of Rita Angus on show in New Zealand, the Hokonui Moonshine (Whisky) Museum, the Mandeville Aviation Museum, and a fabulous aquatic and ice-skating centre. Opportunities to experience some of these treasures will be included in the programme. We encourage you to spend a few days before or after exploring this surprising yet unsung corner of NZ. Our theme is 'Rainbow of Quaker Grey', which weaves threads from our Quaker history together with exploring how we live alongside others who have black/white mindsets, while recognising our own contradictions. At times in Quaker history Friends dressed very plainly, as a witness against greed, vanity and exploitation. Grey stands for liberation from dominant absolutes and the rainbow for the rich variety of life and how we choose to live. So bring your gifts, hopes and insights to share.

For part most mornings Summer Gathering will be offering three streams of all-age involvement: crafts, activities and 'Quaker topics', which we hope will combine depth and fun. Outside the programme will be plenty of opportunities for interest groups, activities, relaxing and sharing stories. The **children's** programme is integrated with the rest of Summer Gathering. A crèche will be available during morning sessions as needed. Children age 15 and younger attending Summer Gathering without their parent/caregiver will need to have one or more proxy parents. Please indicate so on the Registration Form. The **venue** offers a variety of adventure activities, a dining hall, a meeting room and small converted chapel. The bunkrooms all have en-suites and there are a small number of rooms with twin beds. We expect bunkrooms not to be fully occupied. There is room for camping and three powered sites. A list of suggested items to bring will be included in information sent out after registration. A **bus** to Camp Columba will leave on 27 December from Dunedin railway station at 1 pm and the airport about 1.30 and return on the last day. The cost will be \$18 each way. Our first **meal** together is dinner on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December. Our last meal will be breakfast on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Our own wonderful cooks plan a largely vegetarian menu, with some meat, which is humanely and where possible organically farmed.

**Register** early to take advantage of the generous discount. Please use the electronic form below when possible - it will save a lot of time and energy for the organizers. However you can still register and send cheques via snail mail. **Financial assistance** is available to those attending Summer Gathering. Contact your Monthly Meeting Overseers for details. There is specific financial assistance for Young Friends. If you have questions about registration or the facilities, please contact us at: Summer Gathering, PO Box 6083, Dunedin North, Dunedin 9059, or by email [summer.gathering.nz@gmail.com](mailto:summer.gathering.nz@gmail.com) or phone Valerie (03) 476 1747 or Greg & Nicole (03) 442 1722.

So bring your inspirations and expect to be surprised and have fun. We look forward to meeting you.

*Dunedin Summer Gathering Committee*

**See below for costs, online Registration, and downloadable Registration Form for printing.**

Accommodation	Early Bird by 30 <sup>th</sup> October	By 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	After 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of People	Amount Due
Adult 18 +, Dormitory, Camping, Campervan	\$310	\$340	\$370		

Unwaged Adult 18+, Dormitory, Camping, Campervan	\$248	\$278	\$308		
Children 5-17, Dormitory, Camping, Campervan	\$140	\$170	\$200		
Day visitor, price per day including 3 meals. May be paid on arrival	By Arrangement	By Arrangement	By Arrangement		Pay at Summer Gathering
Part-time Adult/Child overnight attendance Dormitory, Camping, Campervan (per night). <b>Please indicate dates.</b>	Divide fee by 7 for the daily rate	Divide fee by 7 for the daily rate	Divide fee by 7 for the daily rate	Child	
				Adult	
				Dates	
Children 0 – 4, and 3 <sup>rd</sup> or subsequent children in family	Free	Free	Free		
Bus to Camp	\$18	Bus Return	\$18		
Donation to YFs who need financial assistance to attend SG. [optional]					
<b>Total to Pay</b>					

Friends are encouraged to pay the full amount at registration, but can pay a \$100 deposit with registration, with balance to be **paid by 10 December**

<b>Please indicate which amount you are paying</b>	Full payment / Deposit only	
Payment by direct electronic transfer is preferred, or you can pay by cheque.		
<b>Please indicate how your payment is made:</b> Cheque enclosed* / Direct Credit**		<b>Date Paid:</b>

\* Make cheques payable to: **Summer Gathering 12**

\*\* Direct Credit **BNZ Account:** 02-0912-0041577-01~ Include YOUR NAME in Particulars box

Do you need financial assistance to attend Summer Gathering? Yes / No	
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### **Early Bird Registrations rates close on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011.**

A late fee of \$30 per person will be added if you register after 30 November 2011.

For registering, please use the electronic form below when possible. It will save a lot of time and energy. A digital copy of the form can also be downloaded, printed, filled out and scanned and sent as an email attachment to: [summer.gathering.nz@gmail.com](mailto:summer.gathering.nz@gmail.com) or this form can be completed and posted to Summer Gathering 2012, Dunedin Monthly Meeting, PO Box 6083, Dunedin North 9059.

### **[Click here for Online Summer Gathering registration form \(save postage and time!\).](#)**

Please fill it out once for each attendee.

When you fill this in, the data is automatically added to an online spreadsheet, so it would save a lot of time for the organisers, who would not have to key in all that data again. Please pay the appropriate fee by Direct Credit, with your family name as reference.

### **[Click here for Online choices for the Chores Roster.](#)**

[Summer Gathering information \(and printable registration form\) can also be downloaded here.](#)

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