Advance Program & Registration Form

SAYMA Yearly Meeting



June 9—12, 2016

Warren Wilson College Swannanoa, North Carolina

Welcome from the Clerk Yearly Meeting Planning Committee

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Yearly Meeting 2016! This year's theme, Unraveling Racism, rose up from you who participated in Yearly Meeting last year. Perhaps our leading was fueled, and still is, by the depressing everyday news that reveals the need for unraveling racism; perhaps our leading is built upon our foundation as Quakers. We want to delve deeply spiritually, learn all we can, and take action to "right the wrongs".

That's why we have invited Vanessa Julye from FGC to be with us. Unraveling racism is her life's work as she travels throughout the United States and abroad. She will address us at our Thursday plenary, in a workshop on Friday, and will help us share our own experiences with racism at our Friday plenary.

Please note that this year we have had to raise the registration fee from \$40.00 to \$45.00, and the college has increased meal prices slightly. However, scholarships are always available. Please do not hesitate to ask for financial assistance if you need it. There's information on page 5 about how to do that. We do not want anyone to stay away because of finances.

Our journey through Yearly Meeting will be full of joy, challenge, new revelations and opportunities. Your Yearly Meeting Planning Committee is preparing for an uplifting and eye-opening journey.

We look forward to seeing you at SAYMA Yearly Meeting!

Peace and Light,

Carol Nickle

West Knoxville Meeting Clerk of Yearly Meeting Planning for 2016

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Note from YMPC

This advance program has been reformatted. We needed to make it less expensive to print and distribute, so we've given an overview and then focused just on the information you'll need to send in your registration (by May 16 please), pack appropriately, and find your way to the registration desk at Warren Wilson College when you arrive in June.

Detach the registration form in the middle, fill in your information, and mail with a check made out to SAYMA to:

Liz Dykes, SAYMA Administrative Assistant 106 Wax Myrtle Court Sayannah GA 31419

The registration form in this booklet is also a bit different. We hope it's easier to use, but if you prefer an interactive form that calculates your fees for you, we've posted one on the SAYMA webpage.

Worship, Learn, and Play

Quakers have been going to yearly meeting since the 17th century. Today, yearly meeting still keeps our far-flung monthly meetings in touch with each other.

The traditional purpose for attending yearly meeting is to participate in meeting for worship with attention to business. SAYMA Friends attend to business on Thursday afternoon and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. But business is not the only thing we do when we gather in the mountains of North Carolina each June. We also worship, learn, and play together.

Yearly Meeting begins with opening worship from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday and concludes with closing worship from 11 to noon on Sunday. We worship at dawn, after dinner, and at the end of the day. Also about a dozen small worship sharing groups are held Friday & Saturday in the hour before lunch to consider queries related to our theme.

We hear from invited speakers from inside and outside SAYMA on Thursday and Friday evenings and participate in workshops right after lunch on Friday and Saturday. This year we will also make time for several varieties of Quaker spiritual practice before dinner on Saturday afternoon.

We learn about the wider Quaker world through the displays WQOs set up next to the bookstore on the lower level of Gladfelter. SAYMA committees and representatives from WQOs get together at lunch and dinner to discuss their concerns and learn from each other.

After all that sitting we need time to refresh our bodies so we finish on Friday afternoon with physical activities like hiking, or swimming, or making kites. Everyone from young to old is invited to participate in a talent show and dance together on Saturday evening.

It adds up to four very full days. Most of us take time off to nap, read, visit with Friends, or hike the campus trails. Finding comfort in the Spartan dorm rooms is sometimes challenging, but the Warren Wilson cafeteria feeds our bodies well, and the beautiful campus, surrounding mountains, and the presence of so many Friends feeds our spirits.

Unraveling Racism

We come together to communicate "heart to heart" in an effort to live up to our testimonies of equality, community, and integrity; to make SAYMA a more welcoming spiritual home for all; and to seek justice while healing our communities.

Evening Plenaries:

- Thursday 7:30 p.m. Vanessa Julye, Coordinator of FGC Ministry on Racism and co-author of the 2009 book *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship* will get us started with the work of unraveling racism by helping us feel comfortable when we talk about race and other "ism's". We'll meet a "Circle of Friends" and practice connecting with others in these difficult conversations.
- **Friday 7:30 p.m.** we'll begin with worship, move to community building small groups and then reconvene to experience a Privilege Walk-in-the-Round as we answer queries by stepping forward or back to represent our individual experiences. Can we stay connected even when these experiences are so different?

Workshops this year address racism from a number of different perspectives. See pages 12, 13, and 14.

Queries for Worship Sharing: 10:45 to 11:45 Friday & Saturday:

Friday

- 1. Where am I in the story of inequality and privilege?
- 2. How has white privilege affected me?
- 3. What are the barriers in me that block my ability to love those who are different?

Saturday

- 1. How do I overcome the barriers that block my ability to love those who are different?
- 2. What will unraveled racism look like?
- 3. How can I use my Quaker values to unravel racism?

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Thursday afternoon; Friday, Saturday, & Sunday mornings in Canon Lounge

Each session begins with silent, expectant worship. Before beginning our work each day we take a roll call of meetings present, introduce ourselves, and review the day's agenda.

We endeavor to state our concerns just once, relying on the deep listening of Friends to hear us and we listen carefully to others so that we can discern a sense of the meeting. Anyone at any time may call for silence to help us with our discernment.

The many things we do include:

- Approve nominations for SAYMA's officers and committees.
- Consider next year's budget (10/1/16 through 9/30/17).
- Hear reports from committees, invited guests, and WQO representatives.
- Labor with concerns that have arisen over the past year.
- Hear epistles from JYM, SAYF, YAF, and Yearly Meeting.

A Note on Reports:

Documents needed for business will be posted on the SAYMA website (www.sayma.org) beginning June 1. If you download those you want to reference, you'll save SAYMA the expense of printing paper copies. You can also access the internet in Canon Lounge.

Paper copies will be available for those without internet access and binders will have copies for your perusal both at the back of Canon Lounge and downstairs in Gladfelter near the registration desk.

NEW: Putting Spirit into Practice Saturday 3:15—4:45

YAF-Led worship sharing

Young Adult Friends are moving their worship sharing to Canon Lounge on Saturday afternoon so more of us can attend.

Holding Israelis and Palestinians in the Light

Meeting for healing led by Nashville Friends (Adults only)

Meditation on Discernment (Adults only)

Why you need to register early

Our contract with Warren Wilson requires us to let them know at least two weeks ahead of yearly meeting how many rooms we'll be using and how many meals we'll be eating. That's why we need to hear from you by the middle of May.

So, mail your registration by May 16.

All registration forms postmarked after May 16 must include a non-refundable late fee of \$30. The last day we can process a registration is <u>May 25</u>. If you are not sure your registration will reach us by then, it is essential to get in touch with Liz Dykes directly by calling her at 865-272-9621 or emailing her at <u>adminassist@sayma.org</u>.

If your plans change:

You may cancel your registration and receive a full 100% refund – but *only* if we hear from you by **May 25** at the latest.

Cancelling after we give the count to the college means that SAYMA has to pay for the meals you ordered and the rooms you intended to use even though you won't be there. However, if helping SAYMA pay for these expenses causes you financial hardship, you may request up to a 75% refund.

Requesting a Scholarship

Think of finding the funds to come to yearly meeting in three places: your own resources, your meeting, and SAYMA.

Getting financial assistance for Yearly Meeting starts with your monthly meeting because they know you best. So ask the clerk of your meeting or the clerk of your Ministry & Nurture committee as soon as possible so they can work with you in a timely way.

Your meeting may be able to fully meet your needs, but if not, once SAYMA receives notice or a check from your monthly meeting it will contribute whatever amount you still need.

SAYMA scholarships are available to cover yearly meeting fees: registration, rooms, meals, and campus use. SAYMA scholarships do not cover travel costs or the cost of the late fee.

See section 4 of the registration form.

Filling out the Registration Form

We need specific information for each person in your party. Begin by listing contact information for your family: the name of the person filling out the form, address, phone, and email. Then tell us who is coming; if they want SAYF (12 to 18), JYM (under 12), or YAF (18 to ~35); their workshop choices and whether they want worship sharing.

Next tell us when each of you will be here. Yearly Meeting begins with opening worship at 1 p.m. on Thursday but the dorm rooms are also available on Wednesday night for those who need to come early. However, the cafeteria is not open until lunch on Thursday.

There are 4 Dorm choices:

GEN – general dorm (handicap accessible if requested)

SAYF – teen program (more info on page 15)

YAF – Young Adult Friends (more info on page 16)

SSO – Simple Supper Option for Friends who want access to a kitchen to cook their own suppers.

Sleep space indicates whether you want a private room for one person or whether you will share a room. Children under 12 sleep in their parent's room – on the floor if there are two parents present, in the second bed if just one parent is present <u>and</u> has also purchased a private room. There is no extra charge for the child. (For more information on Junior Yearly Meeting for children see page 16.)

SAYFers have breakfast in the SAYF dorm, so they sign up for cafeteria meals only at lunch and dinner. Children under 12 eat their meals in the cafeteria and we need to know which ones, but these meals are subsidized by SAYMA.

Each attender 12 and over pays two additional fees: first, a \$45 registration fee which covers SAYMA's direct costs for yearly meeting; and second a campus use fee of \$7/day to cover the rental for Gladfelter, Jensen, Bryson, the Fellowship Hall and the Pavilion.

The last section of the registration form shows you how to add up your fees. It also gives you an opportunity to request a scholarship or, if you are so led, to donate to the scholarship fund to help others.

Pull-out Registration Form: SAYMA YM 2016

Go to the SAYMA website to find an electronic version that calculates fees for you.

Section 1: Who is filling out this form? Name Mtg Address Phone_____ email Who is with your party? Let us know if they are with YAF, SAYF, or JYM as well as which workshops they would like and whether or not they want to be in a worship sharing group. (Include yourself and attach an extra sheet if you need more room.) First person (you) Is this person? M F; and adult YAF SAYF JYM Is this person? __staff __guest __full-time FAN __none of these Workshop (by #) #____ Fri #____Sat Worship sharing? __yes __no Second person Is this person?__M __F; and __adult ___YAF ___SAYF JYM Is this person? staff quest full-time FAN none of these Workshop (by #) # Fri # Sat Worship sharing? ves no Third person Is this person? M F; and adult YAF SAYF JYM Is this person? __staff __guest __full-time FAN __none of these Workshop (by #) #____ Fri #____Sat Worship sharing? __yes __no Fourth person Is this person? M F; and adult YAF SAYF JYM Is this person? __staff __guest __full-time FAN __none of these Workshop (by #) #____ Fri #____Sat Worship sharing? __yes __no Fifth person Is this person? M F; and adult YAF SAYF JYM Is this person? __staff __guest __full-time FAN __none of these Workshop (by #) #____ Fri #____Sat Worship sharing? __yes __no

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Please describe any special requests or to let us know more about what you'd like to volunteer to do and when you're available.		
SAYMA will be taking and collecting images and videos from yearly meeting for possible use on the SAYMA website and other promotional and educational materials published by SAYMA.		
Check this box if you do NOT want the images of your party used in this way by SAYMA.		
Calculate your fees in Section 4 →		

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Mail this form with your check to: Liz Dykes, SAYMA Administrative Assistant 106 Wax Myrtle Ct. Savannah GA 31419	106 Wax Myrtle Ct.	ministrative Assistant

Packing:

Dorm rooms are bare. You will need to bring with you:

- sheets, blankets, and pillows for each bed
 - o these may be rented from the college, but you need to do that with your registration -- \$20/linen packet
 - Bring a mattress pad if you want one; there are no pads in the linen packets.
- towels and toiletries
- hair dryer, coat hangers, reading lamp
- sweaters or sweat shirts (The room where we meet is often cold)
- rain gear and umbrella
- maybe your own coffee mug, water bottle, and cloth napkins
- an Ethernet cable as back up for the wifi which is spotty

Getting to campus:

The college is 8 miles east of Asheville just off I-40.

- From the east, south, or west take I-40
- From the north take I-265 to I-240 East and then take exit 9 onto I-40 heading east

Take Exit 55 off I-40 and turn north to US Hwy 70.

- Turn right on US Hwy 70 heading east.
- Go 1.5 miles.
- Turn left at the stoplight just beyond the Shell Station onto Warren Wilson Road.
- Go 1.5 miles past a church, some houses, through a field, across a small stream, and up the hill to the campus.

The north entrance is the third on the right. Turn into campus and drive past Kittredge Theater and Bryson Gym, then turn right into the small parking lot by the pedestrian bridge. Gladfelter is just a few more steps down the hill. Stairs take you to registration on the lower level. To avoid the stairs continue round the side of the building and cross the lawn.

Arriving late?

The Registrar will be waiting up for you. Make sure you call her if you run late or your plans change. Her personal cell is 931-261-0010.

Parking:

Long term parking is behind Kittredge Theater and across the street at the Aquatic Center. Handicapped accessible spaces are scattered through-out campus; ask for a placard at check-in if you have a handicap license plate.

Workshops meet on Friday & Saturday afternoons from 1:15 to 3 p.m.

Choose one Friday workshop – #1 through 13:

- #1 <u>Social Media for Social Action</u>

 Robyn Josephs, Swannanoa Valley
 We will explore how the tools of the digital age can engage Meetings and
 individuals in social activism. Blogs, websites, and more can give voice to the
 voiceless, visibility to the invisible and power to the disenfranchised.
- **#2** Introduction to Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions Chip Poston, Celo What are BDS and how do they work? Let's explore some of the issues related to their reception and support among Friends. (Adults only)
- #3 Healing Wounds of Racism & Oppression: Part I Shahina Lakhani, Atlanta How the personal & societal wounds from racism & oppression affect our ability for greatness; why activism for racial equality must include a way to heal these wounds; what steps to take to create the beloved community.
- #4 How Colonialism & White Supremacy Shaped Friends Vanessa Julye, FGC Why are several Yearly Meetings in the US devoting energy to examining the impact of colonialism, racism and white supremacy on our membership, monthly & yearly meetings? How can we disrupt the gravitational pull that perpetuates the system? We will do this work in highly interactive small and large groups.
- **#5** Global Democracy & Race Jim Barton, Swannanoa Valley About 15% of the globe's population is white; 85% nonwhite. How can we follow up on proposals by Gandhi and others for a global democracy?
- #6 What is Racism: Part I

 This is a comprehensive and deliberately academic or clinical introduction to critical race theory and analysis, followed by guided meditation/worship sharing, designed to bring us back to early Friends' experiments with light meditation,

seeking answers and direction from the inner Teacher, the Light within.

- # 7 Confronting Racism & Bigotry Locally

 M. Gilmour, Bob Welsh Swannanoa

 How can friends respond effectively when they learn of racist practices or
 incidents in a local school, neighborhood, hospital, or business? Monroe Gilmour
 will share over 20 years of personal experience of standing beside victims of
 racist practices and working to end racism in western North Carolina.
- #8 Quakers & Reparations Sarah Walton, John Adams, Karen Morris; Atlanta A 2008 article in Friends Journal by Jeff Hitchcock leads with a query from a Friend of Color, "Why don't Friends take reparations more seriously? It's the kind of issue Quakers take on." Let's delve into this concern.
- #9 <u>Community Action: Racially-Just Policing</u> S. Walton & S. Firestone, Atlanta Learn how to implement racially-just policing. Sarah Walton, sojourning with Atlanta Friends from Vassalboro Maine, will share resources she's developed with her legal expertise and her community advocacy efforts in Georgia.

#10 Showing up for Racial Justice

David Greenson, Asheville

SURJ is a national network organizing White people for racial justice. We work to connect people across the country while supporting and collaborating with local and national racial justice organizing efforts. SURJ provides a space to build relationships, skills and political analysis to act for change.

#11 Spiritual, but Not Religious

Larry Osborne, West Knoxville

"Spiritual but Not Religious" is among the fastest growing demographic. How do spiritual paths of Friends resemble and differ from SBNR? I will share songs I've written that explore this query. Friends may wish to speak – or sing – out of their own experience as well. (Adults only)

#12 A Taste of Alternatives to Violence, Part I (Adults only)

Trina Baum, Martha & Jack Willis, Nashville

We work together to learn how to walk in a different way and practice the nonviolence we advocate. In this way we help ourselves and others find hope. There is a power for peace in everyone available to those who are open to it.

#13 Earthcare Action Plan

Lisa Rose, Swannanoa

Join members of the Earthcare Action Network to review strategy and help us find one action for the entire Yearly Meeting to participate in or perhaps choose a theme for actions that can occur over the whole YM region.

Choose one Saturday workshop #14 through 26:

#14 Why Forgive?

Hector Black, Cookeville

I'll propose several questions for quiet consideration and share personal stories of forgiving or not forgiving. We will explore together the question of whether forgiveness can end the cycle of violence.

#15 White Spaces: a few (white) blind spots

Kelly Singer, Atlanta

You know where your blind spots are when you're driving, yet many white people are unaware of racial blind spots and the damage these cause. Other information about the 2017 White Privilege Conference may be included.

#16 Mass Incarceration & Racism

Jane Hiles, Birmingham; Charlie Wilton, Berea; Larry Osborne, W. Knoxville Meet with SAYMA's reps to FCNL and a resource person from FCNL to discuss the issue of mass incarceration. Learn what Quakers are doing nationally and what we can do in our own meetings. (Adults only)

#17 The Power of Enough

Jacqueline Stillwell, RSWR

What do I need/want in my life? How much is enough? How does a microenterprise grant empower women in Africa and India to provide basic needs for their families? Right Sharing of World Resources works for equity through partnerships throughout the world. How can you make a difference?

Saturday choices continued:

#18 <u>Healing Wounds of Racism: Part II</u>

This is a continuation of workshop #3 from Friday. See description above.

Sign up for this if you signed up for part I.

#19 The Heart of Racial Justice Work Let's approach racial justice work by modeling the Beloved Community we seek to co-create. AFSC launched the Quaker Social Change Ministry pilot program in 2015 to support racial justice work in monthly meetings and to deepen the relationship between Friends & AFSC. (Adults only)

#20 Getting the Conversation Started
In this highly interactive session, participants will experience a set of structures that foster engaging conversations in a safe space about race, class and culture. Come ready to share a part of yourself and listen.

#21 Intergenerational Games SAYF with JYM SAYMA adults are invited to join SAYFers and children from Junior Yearly Meeting in playing cooperative games and sharing time with each other.

#22 Racism Exists: What's Next? Gabrielle Hammons, Atlanta
There's a simple creative solution to combatting racism in today's climate.
During 2014 mid-term elections, I implemented a program via barbershops for voter registration. Voter Registration is more effective on the community level and can easily provide solutions to issues regarding racism.

#23 Is it the "Other" or the money? Dennis Gregg, Crossville Racism is deeply tied to both behavior and economics. This workshop will explore the need to justify our financial "blessings" while ascribing a "less blessed" condition to those who struggle.

#24 What is Racism: Part II
In part II we'll explore how our own racial identity developed – the process by which each of us was indoctrinated into society's racial framework and then we'll share our stories. Sign up for this if you signed up for part I.

#25 Race in "Post-Racial" Society

Tom Beeson, Taimi Olsen, W. Knoxville
The United States is more diverse and tolerant than at any time in our
history, but current events challenge us to do more. How can self-awareness
of our own racial, cultural, personal, and group identity combined with an
appreciation of difference help us unravel racism?

#26 <u>Taste of AVP, Part II</u>
Trina Baum, Martha & Jack Willis, Nashville
This is a continuation of workshop #12 from Friday. See description above.
Sign up for this if you signed up for part I.

Registering for SAYF at SAYMA

Southern Appalachian Young Friends or SAYF is a program for teens age12 (who have finished 6th grade) through age 18 (or until graduating high school). SAYF meets several times through-out the year as well as at yearly meeting. Middle schoolers have some activities separate from the older SAYFers and SAYFers are always welcome in SAYMA workshops and plenaries as well as the talent show and Saturday dance.

If parents or guardians are coming to yearly meeting, SAYFers can be included on their family's registration form. SAYFers who are registering by themselves may prefer using the interactive form on the SAYMA website as it will guide you to the right choices for SAYF.

To register for SAYF at Yearly Meeting . . .

- 1. For sleep space choose bed in shared room.
- 2. Sign up and pay for lunch and dinner, but not breakfast. All SAYFers have a free *breakfast* every morning in the SAYF dorm, but buy *lunch and dinner* in the cafeteria.
- 3. If you want to attend a workshop let us know which ones by number when you register. (Middle Schoolers have a SAYF workshop on Friday that they don't need to register for.)
- 4. SAYFers pay a registration fee and a campus use fee just like the adults.

Additional SAYF at SAYMA forms . . .

- 5. Call Jonah McDonald, SAYF Administrative Assistant, at 404-373-8036 or email him at awesomesayfers@gmail.com to find out about the other SAYF-at-SAYMA forms you need.
- 6. SAYFers must have an adult sponsor who is at yearly meeting. If that is not a parent, another adult will need to fill out a sponsorship form for you.

Arriving at Warren Wilson . . .

- 7. Bring all the additional SAYF-at-SAYMA forms with you when you come to Warren Wilson on June 9.
- 8. First check in with the SAYMA registrar on the lower level of Gladfelter to get your name tag which lists the meals you paid for and your workshop choices if you made any.
- 9. The SAYF dorm (Vining C) opens at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Parents and sponsors have responsibility for SAYFers who arrive earlier. Please do not come to Vining C until then.

Junior Yearly Meeting

Bring your children, grandchildren, cousins, and other young Friends, from age 4 to rising 6th graders, to Junior Yearly Meeting!

Junior Yearly Meeting is big fun for young Friends. Games; crafts; farm tours; storytelling; music; nature; bubbles; swimming; laughter; community building; Quaker history and practice; cooking; sharing talents with the wider community; and reflecting on this year's theme with the wider community.

It's a great way for your whole family to connect with the wider Quaker community. For so many families, friendships are built and memories made at SAYMA that significantly enrich their children's lives. Friendships that last a lifetime are made here.

Kids are free. Registration fees and meals are subsidized for young Friends until they are eligible for SAYF. They are also allowed to stay with their adults for no additional room charge.

If your child is younger than 4, please email Mary Jahntz, JYM Co-Coordinator at maryjahntz@gmail.com before you submit your registration to see how JYM can work for your family too!

Working with JYM or SAYF at yearly meeting

Both JYM and SAYF need volunteer support during yearly meeting. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know on your registration form. This gives us time to get in touch with you about your interests and to complete any child safety requirements.

Young Adult Friends (YAF)

SAYMA Young Adult Friends are a community of peers who meet for fellowship and fun at yearly meeting. Many are graduates of SAYF, but all young adults are welcome. YAFs work together to nurture mutual needs and concerns within the open, safe, and sacred space of the Quaker community at Yearly Meeting.

YAF invites any Friend to join them in their worship and in their business meetings and they lead a worship sharing for everyone on Saturday afternoon. The schedule will be published in the yearly meeting program handed out at check-in in June. In the meantime, if you want to room together with other YAFs, just let us know on the registration form by choosing the YAF dorm.

You may also want to ...

Ask your meeting to host Chat & Chew

Choose Thursday, Friday, or Saturday evening after the plenary or dance. If two meetings volunteer each evening they can share bringing snacks and set-ups. Contact Hank Fay at hankfay@gmail.com.

Bring books for the book exchange

Books from FGC will be available for browsing and purchase on the lower level of Gladfelter.

Bring used books to place on the free-exchange table. Quaker themes are especially appreciated by Friends.

Remember cash or check, since we can't process credit or debit cards.

Look for our WQO Guests at Yearly Meeting

This year we have invited guests from

AFSC – American Friends Service Committee

RSWR – Right Sharing of World Resources

QVS – Quaker Voluntary Services

Set up a WQO Display

To set up a display for a wider Quaker organization contact Bob Welsh at bobwel2@charter.net to reserve table space.

Plan ahead for getting around campus

The campus is hilly; we rent an electric golf cart which shuttles on call between the Sunderland dorm and Gladfelter as well as the other buildings we use.

There is a much more level path between Gladfelter and Jensen if you bear right and go past the Log Cabin. It brings you to the elevator on the lower level of Jensen. Look for the Log Cabin on the map in the final program when you check in.

And please, remember your key deposit

The college keeps careful control of room keys. You will need to leave a \$5 deposit in cash for each key issued to you.

Campus Policies

- Children must be supervised at all times.
- All college-furnished equipment must be left in the room or building where it was found.
- SAYMA will be asked to pay for any damaged or missing college property.
- Smoking on campus is limited to one of two gazeboes. Look for the signs.
- Use of controlled substances drugs, firearms, or fireworks – is not permitted.
 This includes candles.
- No gambling is permitted on campus.
- No pets are allowed on campus unless they are registered as service animals.