

Appendix E: Epistles

Junior Yearly Meeting Epistle (in text of minutes)
SAYMA Yearly Meeting Epistle (in text of minutes)
SAYF – Southern Appalachian Young Friends’ Epistle
YAF – Young Adult Friends’ Epistle

SAYF Epistle

SAYF Recollection

SAYF: Raise the anchors, pack ye belongings, we’re setting sail for quaka’ land! Oh the stories. Hark! I’ve forgotten. Jack Sparrow, quick!

Sparrow: Yes captain?

SAYMA: Oh, Sparrow! My mind has walked the plan. Drop your booty and tell me about the past year.

Sparrow: Well, in September us Quaka’s went to Chapel Hill to raise money for our pirate friends with a community building themed retreat. In October, pirate Friends invaded West Knoxville with talk of heroes and role models. It was there we learned to chart the earth from the Earth Charter.

SAYF: Arrrrr... ye truth teller. Captain Hook!

Hook: Yes, friend. In November we encountered sea sickness and retreated to Ashville for a refreshing Health (mental and physical) break where we learned chi exercises and danced the night away. It wasn’t until January that we harbored again, this time in Atlanta, to explore social and economic class themes. We found the buried treasure in our deep thoughts and discussions of Napoleon Dynamite.

SAYF: Arrr... Napolean. Captain Fish, tell me about your booty!

Fish: Well, in March we set sail to uncharted land. We claimed it as Berea in the theme of spirituality. We had to fix it up with a service project, but we entertained ourselves with plays, musicals, and fabulous costumes! In April, we rested our voices in Nashville, where silence was the key component of our adventure. The weekend led us to Centennial Park where we celebrated Earth day with a great bit jug of water!

SAYF: Arrrr.... We can’t forget the Nurturing committee meetings in February and August where our code of honor, and pirate friends’ guidelines, were revised. Now we can tell SAYMA of our marvelous adventures!

All: Yar!

YAF Epistle

South Appalachian Young Adult Friends
2005-2006 Epistle for YAF Happenings

Fall Retreat:

Nicole: Hey, Molly, what’d you think of the Fall retreat?

Molly: Huh? What Fall retreat?

Nicole: You know, the one that didn’t happen.

Galen: Wait! No, no, no it was in England.

Elaine: Yeah, the whole world was there. Too bad only the two of us could go.

January Retreat:

Galen: So we got the Meeting House, right?

Elaine: Yeah, no problem, except we don’t. (Calls Daddio). There was a miscommunication, the Meeting House was double booked, everyone’s on their way, we got no place to stay, can they come to our house?

Daddio: (Answers phone). Um yeah, you can all come here.

Next.

(Everyone is stumbling, pretending to ice skate, falling down)

Chad: Boy, ice skating sure is fun!!! WEEEE!

Next

(Nicole is cooking YAF dinner for her birthday, everyone sings “Happy Birthday.”)

Next

(Cole pretends to be a bonfire)

Chad: Boy, this bonfire sure is great!

Kori: Roasted Marshmallows are my favorite.

Galen: I prefer roasted Sour Patch kids.

Next

(at YAF Meeting for Business)

Galen: Spring Retreat? (All: approved!) Health form? (Approved!) Use of Treasury (Approved!) Scholarships for those who need it? (Approved!)

Chad: Wait! As the Treasurer, I should probably let you know, we don't have any money... (All: wah, wah wah...)

March Retreat:

Molly and Nicole: Hey Galen, do you have any hair clippers?

Galen: Umm...will this beard trimmer work?

Molly and Nicole: Sort of... (hours of shaving Nicole, Molly, and Cole's heads)

Next:

Sandy: Hey, let's go putt-putt!

All: Yay! Bring cameras! (techno beat and putt-putt posing)

Next:

Sig: Hi, I'm here for the pot-luck!

All: Yay West Knoxville Friends!

Molly (to Audience): We really enjoyed eating and conversing with the West Knoxville Friends who joined us for the potluck. Thank you for the great turnout and amazing food.

SAYMA 2006

Nicole (to audience): This year at SAYMA, some YAF's participated in the wider community. We FAPed in SAYF, we were in O.A.F., we were in YAF. We surrounded the clerk and dashed about in Meeting for business. We commandeered SAYF's, microwave and frozen burritos abounded. We roped in the SAYF graduates with our extra super top-secret X-TREME induction ceremony stuff.

Molly: We Young Adult Friends experience spirituality through our unconditional love. Many of us come to retreats scattered and leave with a strong sense of inner peace.

(all exit, crawling on the ground)