



Dear Woolman Community,

We are writing to you today to share some news about Woolman.

Since reopening after a lengthy closure due to the Jones Fire and COVID pandemic, Woolman's new educational programs quickly became well-regarded as they provided value to a wide range of participants: schools, nonprofits, and individual adults and youth. Sadly, for the Fall season, **we will need to pause all programs** as we take time to consider our next steps. This means that we will not be holding workshops, after school programs, or Outdoor School.

Beginning this month, **we will be greatly reducing our staff and operations** while we weather a difficult financial period. By the end of August, our reduced staff will include Interim Executive Director Jennifer Dickey, Retreats Manager Shannon Boling, and Site Maintenance Technician Ted Murphy.

However, **we will continue to schedule retreats and honor all current bookings** including **College Park Quarterly Meeting**. If you are interested in reserving space for your group, please contact Shannon Boling at [shannonb@woolman.org](mailto:shannonb@woolman.org).

**We are excited to invite you to our 60th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration** to be held the weekend of **September 29 - October 1, 2023**. We look forward to gathering in community to honor Woolman's impact and legacy. **This event is not for alumni only, but for all people connected with Woolman**, past and present. If you are connected to Woolman in any way, please join us! Registration will begin on August 15 at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/woolman1963>.

**As we discern the way ahead for Woolman, we invite partners** that will accompany us in creating a future focused on educating and inspiring youth and adults to work for peace, justice, and environmental sustainability, while fostering personal and spiritual growth. **If you have ideas** about how to do this in a financially sustainable way, please send those via email to board leaders Heidi Pidcock ([heidipidcocke@gmail.com](mailto:heidipidcocke@gmail.com)) and Sandra Schwartz ([stschwartz574@gmail.com](mailto:stschwartz574@gmail.com)).

We know that many of you have unique and important relationships with Woolman and the Woolman land. Some of you have memories that have shaped your inner landscape, dreams, and choices that have guided your life. **We hope you will join us at the 60th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration** to share your experiences, your relationships, and the place that has meant so much to many of us.

As we navigate this moment, we ask you to **hold Woolman, its staff, and its board in the light**.

We will be in touch with updates as we determine the way forward.

Thank you for your love, participation, and support.

**Woolman at Sierra Friends Center Board of Trustees**

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