

# HELLO NORTHFIELDERS!

Every June for over 100 years, we have gathered at the Northfield/Mt. Hermon campus. For this special week, we come together to create an intentional, multi-faith community.

The theme for this year is

## WABI SABI SEEING BEAUTY IN EVERYDAY LIFE

As Planning Chairs for this year's Conference, we are really enthusiastic about the theme that was chosen by the community. Wabi Sabi is a concept that is a bit hard to pin down, but is so alluring and meaningful. Here are some definitions that come from books that we have collected:

*Wabi sabi is a beauty of things imperfect, impermanent, and incomplete.*

*Wabi sabi is a beauty of things modest and humble.*

*Wabi sabi is a beauty of things unconventional.*

*Wabi sabi is wisdom in natural simplicity.*

In June we will be exploring this concept together through a variety of activities which will be enlightening, playful, relaxing, spiritual, memorable, or beautiful – sometimes all at the same time! The vibrant membership of the Northfield Community is old, young, single, partnered; as varied and diverse as possible; from every spiritual path, asking questions and seeking answers together.

Join us for the adventure, for an intentional week of togetherness in the lovely rural setting of the Mt. Hermon campus. The site is handicap accessible, the meals are healthy with a lot of variety, and there is an extensive program for children.

NORTHFIELD EMBRACES THE HUMAN SPIRIT IN AN APPROACHABLE, NURTURING AND MULTI-GENERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT IN ORDER TO GAIN PEACE, LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING OF OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

**See you in June!**

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Feel free to make copies of the registration forms if needed, and please help all the organizers by registering early, it really helps! To find out much more about the Northfield Conference, visit our website at: [www.thenorthfieldconference.org](http://www.thenorthfieldconference.org) or contact Peggy Andreas at [lexi7375@yahoo.com](mailto:lexi7375@yahoo.com) or 617-690-3088

# WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAY ABOUT NORTHFIELD

*"I was impressed to see how many folks took on tasks. It really is a communal effort."*

*"Conference Hours were deeply meaningful; especially impressed by courage and honesty of speakers."*

*"In many ways my most cherished feelings of Northfield stem from Families."*

*"I love Sacred Circle. It is the spiritual focus of the week and reflects where we are each day."*

*"We received great gifts in coming, each one of us. Thank you all."*

## A DAY AT NORTHFIELD

### Stretching and Meditation

### Breakfast

### Conference Hour

### Families

For many this is the heart of the conference. Each family group includes people of different backgrounds and ages who meet daily to get to know each other, to talk, to share, and to play together.

### Children's Program

Structured programs are available for children age 3 and older from 9:00-12:00 noon. Babysitting for toddlers and infants during the day may be arranged by parents.

### Lunch

### Recreation

The lovely and safe Mt. Hermon campus offers opportunities for swimming, playing tennis, basketball, non-competitive games, or walking and biking. Some use this time for resting, being with friends, writing, reading, or making music.

### Workshops

We will have a wide variety of workshops, many of which will be intergenerational. Workshops are not necessarily connected to the theme of the week, so offerings could include tie-dyeing, issues of intimacy, creative writing, how to create an effective family, improvisational music ... or anything else!

### Teen Talk

This is a time for the teens to gather together to discuss issues or topics of importance to them in a confidential forum.

### Dinner

### Tree Sessions

Relaxed, informal gatherings occur around campus, usually under trees, to discuss topics arising out of the day's or week's program. Also at this time conferees offer their ability or knowledge to facilitate support groups.

### Sacred Circle

This is the communal celebration, both traditional and innovative, of our spiritual diversity. The service, planned daily by those interested, brings the community together through worship that is multi-faith and intergenerational.

### Evaluations

At the end of the day, those interested meet to evaluate the day's program.

### Evening Program

A special time at day's end. A chance to sit and relax, play games, to talk, to dance! Special events include the coffee house, a talent show and often a theme dance.

# NORTHFIELD CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, June 21    Friday, June 27, 2008

Please fill out and mail this REGISTRATION FORM, all REGISTRATION FEES, and the ROOM & BOARD ASSISTANCE FORM (if you are applying for assistance) to:

Peggy Andreas, Registrar, P.O.Box 300823, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 (617-690-3088)

**Please make checks payable to: NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE**

- ❖ Further information about the Conference will be sent to you upon receipt of your Registration Form.
- ❖ There is a 20% discount (on Registration Fees only) when paid by **May 10th**
- ❖ Room & Board Assistance forms must be received before **May 10th**.
- ❖ Registrations received after **June 1st** will incur an additional 20% late fee

**ROOM & BOARD: Payable with Registration Form OR upon arrival at the Conference.**

Double Room    \$290/person 13 and older; Children 2-12 years    \$215/child

Single Room    \$320/person 18 and older (limited number available    first come, first served)

No charge for children under 2 years old.

*Staying less than week? Full registration fee plus \$60/night (\$40 for 12 and under).*

**Returned check charge of \$25.00.**

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## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ALL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

1st E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending children's names and ages:

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Age : \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Age : \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Age : \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: Young people under age 18 who are not with a parent must have an adult sponsor age 25 or older who will be present at the Conference. In addition, a copy of the parent's insurance card must be brought to the Conference.

Name of Young Person : \_\_\_\_\_ Age : \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FORM CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE**

## REGISTRATION FORM (continued)

Adult Registration Fee: \$60.00/person 13 and older x \_\_\_\_\_ people: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Child Registration Fee: \$45.00/child 2 to 12 years x \_\_\_\_\_ children: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
20% Registration discount if mailed on or before 5/10/08 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
20% late surcharge if mailed after 6/1/08 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The maximum Registration Fee (except for late fees) for any family is \$225.  
If your Registration exceeds this amount, enter \$225 on the Total Registration Fees line.

**Total Registration Fees (not to exceed \$225 except in case of late fees):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Brunch begins at 11:00 am (\$8.00/person): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
IF YOU ARE SENDING THIS REGISTRATION IN LATE, PLEASE E-MAIL PEGGY TWO  
WEEKS IN ADVANCE TO RESERVE SPACE FOR BRUNCH (lexi7375@yahoo.com).

*Pre-conference* (If you must arrive on Friday, please contact Andrew Mason at 860-658-1326 or  
awmason@snet.net)

**Room and Board Pre-Pay** (these fees are not due until arrival but *may* be paid in advance)

Double: \$290/person 13 and older x \_\_\_\_\_ person/people: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Single: \$320/person 18 and older x \_\_\_\_\_ person: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*You will be notified if a single room is not available.*

\$200/child 2 to 12 years old x \_\_\_\_\_ children: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*No charge for children under 2 years old.*

**Voluntary contribution to Room & Board Assistance Fund:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED CHECK:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Rooming Preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEWCOMERS ONLY:** WHO DO YOU KNOW AT NORTHFIELD?

**Special Needs** (mobility limitations, etc.)

Roommate requests: \_\_\_\_\_

# ROOM AND BOARD ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

## *The Northern Area Conference of the Northfield League*

The Room and Board Assistance Fund is available to assist those who wish to attend the Northfield Conference but need financial assistance.

The Conference has generally awarded up to 1/2 of the cost of room and board to applicants who have sent in this form by MAY 10th. Depending on funds allocated, applications received after this date may or may not receive aid. Applicants who send in this form before May 10th will receive information regarding assistance by May 31st.

If you have additional need, please contact Peggy, who will consult with the Scholarship Committee by June 1st. She can be reached at the address below.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of each person attending (other than yourself)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, please summarize your reasons for needing financial assistance.

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Registration Form with fees BY MAY 10TH to:**

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