

SAYF Worship Journal

January 2019 Retreat
Atlanta Friends Meetinghouse

On the weekend of January 18-20, 2019, the Southern Appalachian Young Friends met at the Atlanta Friends Meeting. This is our witness. This is our story.

SAYF STONE SOUP STORY

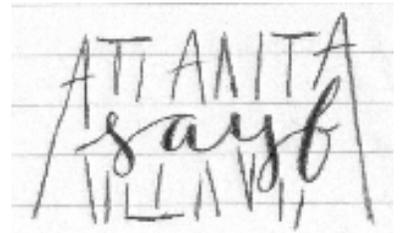


ME AND VIOLET TAKE OUR SLEEPING BAGS AND WERE WATCHING BLACK MIRROR IN ONE OF THE LITTLE ROOMS. WE LEFT FOR AN ACTIVITY AND WHEN WE CAME BACK, WE HAD RECRUITED MORE PEOPLE (ZORA & MIA), IT WAS A LITTLE CRAMPED CAUSE WE WERE WATCHING IT ON MY PHONE. WE LEFT FOR DINNER. WE ASKED WHO WANTED TO COME WATCH WITH US AFTER AND WE HAD ABOUT HALF OF THE PEOPLE AT SAYF. WE ALL REALIZED THERE MIGHT BE A PROBLEM ALL WATCHING IT ON MY PONE. HENRY OFFERED UP HIS COMPUTER. VIOLET SUGGESTED USING THE LIBRARY 'CAUSE WE GOT KICKED OUT OF OUR ROOM. LU OFFERED HIS SPEAKERS 'CAUSE IT WASN'T GONNA BE LOUD ENOUGH. OLLY GAVE US HER NETFLIX PASSWORD. MULTIPLE PEOPLE WENT AND GOT US THE WI-FI PASSWORD. TEO (IDK HOW TO SPELL YOUR NAME, SORRY) TRIED TO TURN OFF THE HALLWAY LIGHT EVEN THOUGH IT DIDN'T WORK, WE APPRECIATED IT. THEN, WE ALL WATCHED BLACK MIRROR BANDERSNATCH AND THE PEOPLE WHO HADN'T ALREADY CONTRIBUTED, CONTRIBUTED THEIR VOTE ON WHAT PATH TO TAKE. IT WAS A LOT OF FUN.

WITH LOVE, MIRIAM

Dear Friends,

Although I caught only the tail end of the retreat, I had such a great time. Thank you all for joining in the improv game! I know I'll remember our birthday ham (editor's note= "???") cookies and all the beautiful points that people made. I love you all and I hope to see you in March!



Nanseera

It's so hard to find a community where you can confidently feel like you belong. For me, SAYF is that community. It's a very judgement-free zone. I'd like to say thank you to everyone that can make that happen. You ALL mean the world to me (even you way in the back. Don't think that I don't love you).

**1.20.19
-Ollie**

Dear SAYF,

This retreat was one of the best. I greatly enjoyed the workshop, and Wink of course. Also, I enjoyed all the newbies.

Stay awesome always,
Or at least till I see you next

- Marissa

Dear SAYF,

01/20/19

I know I always say that this one meant a lot to me, but I think this one really did. I've been going through some things back at home and SYAF was a break from that. Everyone here is so amazing, and I can't imagine a life without you in it. I love you all so much.

Eli 

p.s. the improv and the printmaking was really fun!!

Dear Friends,

Learning with you all this weekend was a gift. It was great to see Wink played again – it had been a while. It was also fun to play group games again and remember how fun they truly are. I am grateful for the constant piano music and wouldn't have wanted any other soundtrack for this weekend.

**All my love,
Cora**

I am also writing this because Callum Dooley wanted me to let you know how wonderful it was to see so many new faces (and I agree).

Lots of love to new and old friends 

There once were some Quakers in SAYF;
Who did anti-racism work all day;
They walked in the rain;
Playing Wink through the pain;
To be lovingly welcome their way.

FAN
Beth Myers
Jan. 2019 SAYF

DEAR SAYF,
IT'S BEEN FAR TOO LONG SINCE I'VE COME TO A RETREAT, AND I DON'T THINK I REALIZED HOW MUCH I WAS MISSING. I'M GLAD TO BE HERE AGAIN WITH THIS AMAZING COMMUNITY DOING ALL THE RIDICULOUS AND HILARIOUS, YET ALSO MEANINGFUL THINGS THAT SAYFERS DO. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE ALL MY OLD FRIENDS AND MEET NEW ONES, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU GUYS AGAIN.

LOVE FROM,
MAGGIE

SOUTHERN FAM FOREVER

Zora
Jan 2019

SAYF,

This was my first time at a retreat and I really enjoyed it. The people, activities, and environment was great and I can't wait to come back in March! The really violent game called "Wink" I think was fun. I also liked how close all of you are. It feels like we were here for like a week, not just 2 days!

