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*Proposal for the Ruth Waskey Fund
Boulder Friends Meeting
July 7th, 2019*

Dear Ruth Waskey Fund/Finance Committee,

- My intended use for the Ruth Waskey fund to help my dream of *Living/Working Purposefully* and reimburse myself to receive financial assistance as I begin my journey and become a Level 3 Leader Practitioner through the Forest School near Bakewell England. With this qualification, I will be able to support/create nature-based communities, nurture learner-led exploration and discovery, and nurture meaningful experiences for positive lifelong impacts through hands-on experience in nature.
- Upon completion, I will be qualified to bring a new level of understanding to the outdoor education field and help our communities (especially our children) experience the many benefits of nature. The purpose of attending this school enhances Boulder Meeting because I would be eager to share my created portfolio/learning with our meeting. Over the course of a year I will be developing my curriculum/portfolio that will demonstrate the Forest Schools' ethos, philosophy, and approach to create nurturing conditions for connecting to nature. I would also facilitate and share an outdoor experience for our children at the meeting house, as well as, spend a day with the committee overseeing the children program to help spark ideas/share my insights learned.

In many ways, I believe Spirit led me to this incredible opportunity.

Through a journey of metamorphoses.

Stepping out of deep slumber...limbo.

Into purpose, alignment, excitement.

Living/working within my Quaker Values/Testimonies

S.P.I.C.E.S

I received an opportunity to step into my career. Working for Worldmind Nature Immersion School is sending me to the Forest School. I will be the arts integration teacher for Worldmind, an outdoor preschool and kindergarten (ages 3-6). Worldmind is funding half of my admissions of the Forest School. As I complete this school over the course of a year, I will weave my learnings into my work. Through this, I will be living in alignment with S.P.I.C.E.S because I will be living *simply*, working with/in nature; living in *peace*, knowing

my work is providing immense benefits for our children; living with *integrity* because my work will allow me to honor/share the benefits of nature with our children; living/working/ enriching in *community* as I will be co-teaching, connecting with humans interested in nature art/outdoor education, sharing my learnings with my community at Boulder Friends Meeting, and seeing/developing relationships with the same children everyday; as well as living and working with *equality* and helping our children see the connections/equal benefits of all living things; while living/working in *stewardship* for our planet and its people.

- My criteria to *Living/Working Purposefully* as I attend the Forest School will be judged/ measured in three ways:
 1. By journaling/monitoring my growth based on my reflections.
 2. The portfolio created over the course of a year demonstrating my learning/ understandings of the Forest School in how I choose to apply/create curriculum.
 3. The assessments I will take in one year when I go back to England to see my mentors and share my completed portfolio.
- I plan to track my success by committing myself to putting my all into completing the Forest School. I will start by going to England for a week long immersion, then over the course of a year creating my portfolio demonstrating my understandings of my learnings/curriculum, and then traveling back to the Forest School in a year to complete assessments, share my portfolio with my mentors, and accomplish my Level 3 Leader Practitioner qualification.

Over the course of my experience participating in the Forest School I will share my experiences, learnings, and progress with Boulder Friends Meeting after worship sharing, contribute my learnings to the children's program, and offer an evening with Elizabeth on my Forest School Experience. When I am ready to create a nature based experience for Boulder Meetings children, I will propose my curriculum to the committee overseeing the children program, and when I receive my qualifications I will share my portfolio with Boulder Friends Meeting.

- The Forest School will start July 29th 2019 and I have one year to complete the school and receive my qualification.

I leave for England July 19th;
The week long immersion is July 29th - August 2nd

- Budget:
 - I paid the Forest School \$1,267.56 and my work reimbursed me for \$600.00
I am needing financial reimbursement for **\$667.56**
 - I paid for housing while attending the course (July 26th - August 2nd) for **\$603.11**

- I owe my parents reimbursement for a roundtrip airplane ticket to London from Denver for cost of **\$1,409.23**
- My estimated cost for food while attending the course will be around **\$250.00**
- My estimated cost for transportation while in the UK using trains, busses, potentially plains, and hopefully a bike rental to get to-and-from class, and closer to the Venue is estimated around **\$600.00**
- In total, what I have already paid and what my estimated costs for transportation and food while in England is, **\$3,529.90**

I have already paid **\$2,679.90** for funding my dream of *Living/Working Purposefully* as I start my journey with the Forest School and I understand I am asking for a lot of financial assistance from Boulder Friends Meeting. If funded the full amount requested I will keep records and documentation for which I have estimated for food and travel while in the UK for the remainder **\$850.00**

If granted this gracious amount from Boulder Friends Meeting in the light and through Spirit, I would feel extremely honored, humbled, and wholeheartedly grateful for Boulder Friends Meeting...you have continued to show up for me over the years and show me what/how a community can take care of one another. I would do all that I can to show up and give back to the meeting house. As well as fully commit to sharing my growth with the meeting, giving a presentation of my learnings with its members who attend my after hours group, and help provide experiences for Boulder Meetings children.

<https://www.forestschoools.com/products/forest-school-leader-training-level-3-chatsworth?variant=16348042788915>

Please If you have any questions or need more information please call or email me.
Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

I wish I could attend *Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business* on July 14th, 2019, but I will be attending my Wilderness First Aid and CPR Certification course at that time.

Thank you again for your time and thoughtful consideration,

Sincerely,

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