

Dear GAYLA Brother,

Thank you for registering to be part of GAYLA 41, July 13-20, 2019. If you are a first-timer, welcome. To those of you who are returning, welcome back! This letter has information for everyone, so read on.



A Week of Brotherhood and Fun

Expect a week of new discoveries and cherished traditions. GAYLA offers activities from sunrise until bedtime, so be kind to yourself and select what will nourish you.

Here are some activities you may want to plan for (or just show up and enjoy).



Church Lady Sunday – Decorate a hat for Sunday chapel.

Shamanic Ceremony – Bring a drum or rattle if you have one, or we'll supply.

1969 Love-In Dance – Think Madmen and hippies, psychedelic patterns and bell bottoms. Groove to the tunes of 1969, the year of Stonewall.

Talent-No-Talent Show – Bring your most courageous self! All are welcome to perform.

Silent Auction – Offer a service, share your art, donate that diamond brooch from Aunt Estelle that doesn't go with your

latest style. All proceeds benefit GAYLA's Helping Hands fund.

Workshops – Let us know if you'd like to share a passion.

Planning Your Arrival

Registration is open 3-7 PM at Quillen in the summer office of the Ferry Beach Park Association. GAYLA registration is open until 5pm; if you arrive later ask for a Coordinator.

You'll find Quillen at [21 Ferry Park Ave, Saco, ME 04072](http://www.ferrybeach.org). Park in any legal spot and come get started. If you are coming by train or plane, contact Ferry Beach to arrange transportation. At Quillen, you will confirm your accommodations and settle any outstanding balance with Ferry Beach, pay your \$35 Activity Fee to the GAYLA Treasurer (cash or check please), pick up your program book and nametag, and have your picture taken. You'll also receive your Check-In-Circle assignment.

After registering, head across the Volleyball Court to the **Welcoming Reception on DeWolfe Porch**. Old friends and new will want to see you. We'll have music, snacks, nametag decorating, games and more. Your Check-In-Circle leader, or someone else who will help make sure you are comfortable, will greet you. **Campus tours depart at 3:15, 3:45 and 5:15 PM**. Newcomers, please join the **Newcomer Orientation at 4:15 PM** on Rowland Porch on Morris Ave.

We hold an **Open 12 Step Meeting** and a **Social Hour at 5:00 PM**. **Dinner is at 6:00 PM**, and the **Opening Ceremony is at 8:00 PM**.

If you'd like to be matched with a roommate, contact Ferry Beach at 207-282-4489. Rooms accommodate up to 2 on lower bunks and 2 on uppers. Sharing can save money, make room for more men to attend GAYLA, and lead to great new friendships.

DAILY ADORNMENT

At GAYLA we embrace costuming as a way to reveal ourselves and celebrate community. Remember, everything is optional.

We will celebrate our daily pride with colors and themes inspired by Gilbert Baker's original pride flag premiered in 1978. Let them inspire you – wear the day's color to breakfast, unveil an artistic creation, decorate your hallway, or go your own way. Read about Gilbert Baker's original Rainbow Flag [here](#).

Saturday (Hot Pink) Sex
Sunday (Red) Life
Monday (Orange) Healing
Tuesday (Yellow) Sunlight

Wednesday (Green) Nature
Thursday (Turquoise) Magic/Art
Friday (Indigo) Serenity
Saturday (Violet) Spirit

Feel free to borrow items from our Drag Room, or bring something to contribute to the treasure chest.

What to Pack?

Here are some things you may want to bring:

A favorite pillow

Mattress pad

Bathing suit, suntan lotion and bug spray

Something warm for cool Maine nights

Shower shoes, hiking shoes and flip flops

Toiletries and medications

Flashlight

Musical instruments, art supplies

Whatever you need to perform in the Talent-No-Talent Show (instrument, costume, MP3, CD, props, etc.)

Fabulous fun outfits!

Beach blanket or chair and beach toys (a kite, balls, floats, etc)

Find Out What's New!

Here are the best ways to keep up with plans for GAYLA 41:

- Visit ferrybeach.org/GAYLANews for periodic updates
- Join facebook.com/gayla.atferrybeach on Facebook. Click "Follow" then "See First" so you don't miss an update.
- Mark yourself "Going" to GAYLA 41 at facebook.com/events/524048934752858

If you have any questions, please reach us at GAYLA.at.Ferry.Beach@gmail.com.

See you on the DeWolfe Porch!

Big Love,

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