

*May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown,
our daughters like corner pillars, cut for the building of a palace.
Psalm 144:12*

Plants Full Grown

a newsletter for Central Plains Mennonite Conference youth leaders

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You can still register for Youth Escape 2010!!!

We are accepting registrations until July 20, so if you have some kids that are on the fence about coming, they still can! Today (Friday, July 9) is just the deadline for those who want a T-shirt.

If you are coming to Youth Escape ...

Hooray! We are excited to spend a great weekend with you. Lots of people are working hard to make this a memorable experience. A few reminders and details:

- 1) Remind the kids to bring **offering!** We will have two separate projects: a project with one of our Mennonite mission agencies as part of our worship times, and a project that Shane Claiborne suggests, with an organization called Plant With Purpose. This offering project will be taken to offset the carbon used to bring Shane to us, and will be taken during the...
- 2) ...Coffee house! On Saturday night, Doran Stucky will lead audience participation games based on improvised sketches and wacky game shows. During this time, the Twin Lakes coffee shop will be open to purchase cappuccinos, lattes, etc. (decaf options available!)
- 3) Tim Springer is working hard on a big game of Persecution on Saturday night. We expect this will be a great deal of fun and will make a spiritual impact on everyone who plays.
- 4) Even though we have the luxury of air conditioned sleeping quarters, we are still going to be at a camp. Bug spray, sunscreen and a water bottle will be nice things to have along to keep you and your kids comfortable. And we don't want anyone to dehydrate!
- 5) While you're at the computer, cruise on over to the [Youth Escape event page on Facebook](#), mark that you are attending and invite the kids in your youth group by clicking on Invite People to Come! This way you can see who else is going, and check for updates from time to time.
- 6) Keep praying for Youth Escape. We want God's dream for the weekend to come true!

It's a do-over! Improved high school SS curriculum

Take a second look at Mennonite Publishing Network's high school Sunday School curriculum! Because it is written fresh for every quarter, improvements have been built in over time, and now it has a whole new format! For starters, it is shorter and made to be folded and slipped into your Bible. Gone are the childish activities at the end of the lesson, now the entire lesson is more age-

appropriate. Take a gander at a sample session at www.gatherround.org. It's also attached. It's about time to order for the fall quarter.

Hot weather activity ideas!

Are you stumped for what to do with your youth group during the hot summer months? A hot dog roast/s'mores making/chubby bunny competition during the cool of the evening is always popular. How about going to the local swimming pool or someone's pond together? Maybe you can play board games with the residents of a nursing home or assisted living on a Sunday afternoon (air conditioning!!). A scavenger hunt in a mall with supper in the food court afterwards is a fun way to spend a few hours also. What about a leftovers potluck – bring whatever you've got in the fridge and make Mom happy by freeing up some Tupperware!

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