

*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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Dear Youth Leaders,

The Youth Escape Planning Committee has decided on the schedule for the weekend. There may be minor changes, but this is the general idea. Shane Claiborne will speak once on Friday and twice on Saturday because he would like to get back home on Sunday. You'll note three times for break-outs. We want these to be practical and relevant to kids' daily lives, and we're working now on who will lead these sessions and what the topics will be. Twin Lakes offers oodles of fun options for the Saturday afternoon free time. Go to http://www.twinlakescc.com/youth_activities.html to see the list of options.

Friday

7 Arrive, register, settle in
8 Get to know you games
9 Worship: Shane speaks
10:30 Youth group time
11 Games/activities
12 Devotions
12:30 Lights out

4:00 Worship: Shane speaks
5:30 Youth group time
6:00 Supper
7-9 Large Group Activity
9:30-11:30 Coffee House
(more details later on these two activities)
11:30 Devotions
12:00 Lights out

Saturday

8 Breakfast
9 Worship: Shane speaks
10:30 Youth group time
11:00 – 11:45 Breakout session
12 Lunch
1-1:45 Breakout session
2-4 Free time

Sunday

Sleep in
9 Breakfast
10-10:45 Breakout session
11 Worship
11:45 Youth group time
12:15 Lunch
Depart

Please feel free to contact me with any questions! And please remember Youth Escape in your prayers, individually and as a youth group. May God's hopes and plans for this weekend be fully realized.

Shana

Read *Relate* for ideas and inspiration

This issue of *Plants Full Grown* is shorter than usual because I want to give you the opportunity to read the attached edition of *Relate*, MMN's newsletter for youth leaders. I think you will find these articles helpful as you think of activities for the summer, especially if you are planning a service trip. I especially recommend the "featured activity" and Glenn Balzer's advice on service trips. *Relate* can also be found at <http://www.mennonitemission.net/Tools/Relate/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Upcoming Events

Central Plains Annual Meeting Thursday through Sunday, June 24-27

Think of a youth who shows an interest in leadership, ministry or the broader church, then suggest that your pastor or council chair invite him/her to be the youth delegate from your congregation. A Youth Delegate Fact Sheet is posted on the Annual Meeting page of www.centralplainsmc.org.

Youth Escape 2010 Friday through Sunday, July 30-August 1

...at Twin Lakes Christian Center, Manson, Iowa, with special speaker Shane Claiborne. Quick facts: Registration is \$100 per person before June 1 and \$110 per person after June 1. Come as a group of youth and sponsors. Find registration forms and more info at www.centralplainsmc.org; click on Youth Escape 2010 under Youth Ministry.



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