

*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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Hello Central Plains Youth Sponsors!

Summer is a fun time for youth groups and their sponsors. Warm weather opens up options for getting together with another youth group or inviting other age groups from the congregation to join youth activities. It's also the time for going on a service trip. This is a great way to take kids into settings that challenge their perspectives and grow their faith in Jesus.

Summer 2012 also brings two opportunities to **you sponsors** for training! Come to Central Plains Annual Meeting at Henderson, Nebraska, and participate in a two-part workshop (Friday and Saturday afternoons) led by Andrea Wall, youth pastor at Bethesda Mennonite Church. I'm attaching info about it here. Please email Andrea to let her know you plan to come: andrea@mainstaycomm.net. I'll be in the workshop on Friday; Saturday I'll lead one for youth.

At Youth Escape 2012, I'll offer a youth sponsor workshop on Saturday afternoon. We'll talk about why and how we do youth ministry in a missional, Anabaptist church. There will also time to ask questions and hear from other youth sponsors.

I look forward to seeing you!

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Youth Escape 2012

What sponsors say about Youth Escape:

"Youth Escape is an unforgettable weekend. It is a chance for the kids to have tons of fun while they worship and learn. The experience has stayed with the kids (and adults) long after it was



over. Our youth group's only wish was that it was longer!" —Mary Cooney, Lincoln, Nebraska

“One thing that is great about Youth Escape is the reconnection with kids from Bible memory camp, Mennonite youth convention, or any larger Mennonite gathering. It's also a good time to grow closer as a youth group. As sponsors, it was a good time sharing and connecting with other youth sponsors and getting their ideas that worked. We also had good car time, connecting with sponsors and youth. The kids also loved the worship band and are especially excited to have Jeremy Kempf there this year.” —Tim & Becky Hostetler, Shickley, Nebraska

Just to recap...

Theme: Plugged In and Charging ✨ Speakers: Marlene Frankenfield and Merv Stoltzfus
Music: Jeremy Kempf ✨ Location: Hidden Acres Christian Center near Dayton, Iowa
When: August 3-5, 2012 ✨ Why: To connect youth to Jesus, the church & each other

Be sure to check the web page

The [Youth Escape 2012 web page](#) has a LOT of information for you! Print more flyers, registration forms or information sheets. Find the schedule for the weekend, speaker bios, Frequently Asked Questions and info about the camp we're going to. If you haven't looked at it yet, you are missing out!

ALSO, encourage your youth to find the [Youth Escape 2012 Facebook page](#) and click the Like button. We'll keep updating that page.

Do you know a youth who needs direction for next year?

Mennonite Voluntary Service, Service Adventure, DOOR: Dwell, and Radical Journey **are all still accepting applications**. Applications and more information about each program can be found [here](#). Each program, while having distinct differences, invites young adults to come alongside communities and congregations who are making a difference in the world through living out Jesus' call to service and peace. [Read more here](#).

For study and conversation

Bible study idea

All the [Generation Why](#) (for youth) and [Fast Lane](#) (for junior youth) Bible studies are now available for download! *Generation Why* Bible studies help high school youth confront issues of violence, injustice, materialism, and other hard questions as they learn to apply the Bible to real life. *Fast Lane* Bible studies for junior youth address issues facing young teens from a biblical perspective. Check out these and other resources on the [MennoMedia online store](#).

Remember...

...There are lots of resources for you at my web site, www.centralplainsmc.org/Youth_Ministry.

...I've made a list of youth Bible study options for you—[Check it out!](#)

...You can use the [Western District Conference \(WDC\) Resource Library](#). Check out their new [online catalog](#), too.



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