

# Youth Escape 2010 Sponsor Information

## **Directions and Arrival**

You can find directions to Twin Lakes on the Youth Escape web page. Go to [www.centralplains.mennonite.net](http://www.centralplains.mennonite.net) and click on Youth Ministry then Youth Escape. Plan to arrive by 7 p.m. Friday, July 30. The driveway to Twin Lakes is well marked, and once you arrive, look for Harvest Hall.

## **Small group time**

After each worship service, there will be time for youth groups to get together to reflect on the worship and pray. We will give you discussion questions based on the worship services. Unlike the evening prayers, these discussions will be mixed gender, like a regular youth group meeting. You will have about 20 minutes.

## **Supervision**

Sponsors are responsible for the youth they bring.

## **Evening reflection & prayer time**

Sponsors will be given a set of questions for reflection and prayers for each evening. These are for you to use as a group in the cabin or lodge just before you go to bed. Youth and their sponsors of the same gender will be grouped together for lodging.

## **Electronics**

You are encouraged to have a policy regarding cell phones, mp3 players and other electronic gadgets for your group. Some possibilities are 1) leave them home, 2) bring them along in the vehicle but the sponsors collect them once the group arrives at Twin Lakes, 3) allow kids to keep them all weekend, with the understanding that sponsors will take them if they are used during worship or small group time. Do what works for your group, but please be clear with youth that the point of the weekend is to be present and to build relationships at Youth Escape.

## **Donations for carbon off-sets**

Shane Claiborne routinely requests that his hosts care for creation by taking responsibility for the carbon created by his travel. His staff determined that 660 pounds of carbon will be released into the atmosphere as a result of Shane's travel to Twin Lakes. They also gave us a form with ideas on how to offset this pollution. From these ideas, we chose a project called Plant with Purpose ([www.plantwithpurpose.org](http://www.plantwithpurpose.org)). For every dollar donated, a tree will be planted which offsets 400 pounds of carbon! That's right, for two dollars, we can offset Shane's entire trip to us! However, we think we can do better than \$2, so we'll set a donation box out during the Saturday evening coffeehouse and see how many trees we can donate.