

Welcome to the 7th Biennial Lake Superior Youth Symposium *Action for a Superior Future*



Welcome to the 2007 Lake Superior Youth Symposium! This biennial event will take place at the historic and beautiful Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay, Michigan. This camp for handicapped children, also used by local schools for science camps, is located on the shores of Lake Superior 30 miles northwest of Marquette in the central Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Students will have varied opportunities to enroll in cultural, historical, and educational activities related to the lake and the cultures that have grown around it. Unlike past locations, the camp is out in the woods next to the lake and provides a

smaller type of community. The students will be housed in cabins and a new dormitory, with an adult in each cabin and dormitory room. Meals will be held together in a large dining hall, keeping pace with the theme of a smaller community.

The 2007 symposium's theme is "*Action for a Superior Future*" and will include a series of activities to guide your group in the development of a plan to make a positive change in your local school or community. Student groups will utilize the knowledge and skills gained at the symposium to create their plan. See the enclosed notice *Preparing for the "Action for a Superior Future" Segments of the Symposium*.



REGISTER EARLY:

Limited student housing: Bay Cliff Health Camp has capacity for 200 students, with additional housing for adult leaders and chaperones. **Because of this, groups are asked to limit the number of student-participants to 15 or fewer.** If additional spaces are available later, we can allow more registrations from your group.

Cost: \$125 per participant to cover the cost of lodging, meals and activities.

Chaperones: For mixed groups, both male and female chaperones are required. **Please note that chaperones must also pay the \$125 to cover the price of their meals, lodging, and activities.**

For questions, or to request exceptions to these policies, please contact Karen Bacula at kbacula@mapsnet.org

PLEASE COPY the following FORMS for each participant:

- **Students:** A *Student Health History & Parent/Guardian Consent* form is needed from each student.
- **Adult Chaperones & Leaders:** A *Chaperone Health History & Consent* form is needed from each adult.
- **Students & Adults:** *Registration & Activity Request Form*

.Duplicate other materials as needed. *THANKS!*

Student Scholarship Opportunities

- **Native American Students (United States):** COSEE-Great Lakes (Centers for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence) is providing full scholarships for 32 Native American students from Michigan, Wisconsin or Minnesota to attend the symposium at no charge. These scholarships are available on a first come basis. **Group leaders, please call or email to make sure scholarships are still available, before offering them to students.** For details about COSEE scholarships, contact Ann Joyal ajoyal@nmu.edu or call 906-227-2092
- **Upper Peninsula Students:** UPEC (Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition) has funds available to help groups from the Upper Peninsula attend the symposium. For more information, contact Karen Bacula kbacula@mapsnet.org
- **All Groups:** Contact conservation districts, local chapters of Trout Unlimited, parent-teacher organizations, local businesses and other groups to request scholarships.

We are awaiting the start of the symposium with excitement and are happy for your interest!