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**7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Lake Superior Youth Symposium set for May 10-13 near Marquette, MI**

Registration is now open for the 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Lake Superior Youth Symposium for grades 8-12 students and educators from Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Ontario that will take place May 10-13, 2007 at Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay, near Marquette, MI.

At the symposium, participants will participate in a variety of fun and engaging activities including field trips, watershed research, hands-on investigations, leadership-building activities, explorations of the history and culture of the Lake Superior region, and much, much more! Throughout the symposium, students will share their knowledge and skills, learn how to assess needs in their local community, brainstorm strategies for addressing issues, and develop a project to implement when they return home using the Kellogg Foundation's publication *Young People Creating Community Change*. By gathering together students from all over the Lake Superior Basin, the symposium reinforces the concept that residents from throughout the basin share common problems and must work together to create solutions.

The 2007 symposium is hosted by the Glenn T. Seaborg Center for Teaching and Learning Science and Mathematics at Northern Michigan University (NMU). To request registration materials, contact Ann Joyal at 906-227-2092 or [ajoyal@nmu.edu](mailto:ajoyal@nmu.edu). Registration is \$125 per person, and is limited to the first 200 students on a first-come basis. Information on the web at: [http://wupcenter.mtu.edu/education/lake\\_superior\\_symposium/index.html](http://wupcenter.mtu.edu/education/lake_superior_symposium/index.html).

The Western U.P. Center for Science, Mathematics & Environmental Education is providing free roundtrip transportation to the symposium for 45 students and teachers from the western U.P. The bus will depart from the CCISD in Hancock at 1 pm Thursday, and return at 3 pm Sunday. To reserve a seat on the bus, contact Loret Roberts at 482-0331.

A cooperative team of educational and government agencies and non-profit organizations is planning the 2007 symposium: Seaborg Center, Lake Superior Binational Forum, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan DNR, National Park Service at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Superior Watershed Partnership, NOAA Sea Grant Program, The Great Lakes Center for Youth Development, Michigan State University's Cooperative Extension Program, NMU Center for Native American Studies, Michigan Technological University, Western U.P. Center for Science, Mathematics & Environmental Education, and county conservation districts.

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