# PEOPLE CAMP

Sunday, Aug. 20
to Saturday,
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Camp
Mishawaka,

Grand Rapids,
Minnesota

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For thousands of years, humankind has drawn their sustenance and inspiration from the Earth. That relationship is now being threatened by acid rain, the destruction of the forests, the thinning of the ozone layer, oil spills and other disasters. To contemplate the ecological crisis is depressing, overwhelming, even paralyzing. We feel numb, powerless, and unconnected to what is happening. We are in crisis with the Earth.

Consider the Earth covered by an infinite variety of plants, and inhabited by beautiful animals whose fur and feathers we admire and envy. Since time immemorial we have been killing animals for their fur and meat. Now we are also destroying their habitat - the Earth - forgetting that it is also our habitat, without which we cannot survive.

Regardless if it took seven days or seventy million years to create the Earth and all that lives on it, we ourselves are not able to create life of such overwhelming splendor as the one we have on Earth. But we can destroy it.

This year at People Camp we will consider the Earth and our lives within it. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the current global crisis from within one of four "Home Based Groups". There will be one group to examine/experience each of these aspects of the crisis:

1. **Political/Economic** aspects of and responses to the crisis;
2. **Lifestyles**: Our way of living, its impact on the earth and our struggle for change.
3. **Ritual/Meditation** for our lives as we move from awareness to action.
4. **Despair to Empowerment** : From our depths of Despair we must move to Empower ourselves and Actualize our visions as we work for change.

Each of these groups will meet for five days and will be asked to walk through four steps:

a. Information/Analysis;
b. Envisioning/Experiencing;
c. Turning/Healing; &
d. Empowerment/Actualization.

Each adult workshop participant will pick a Home Based Group for the week's morning schedule with a time for all groups to share together on Friday morning. The programs for the children and youth will also be focused on this theme.