



# 'Mr. Peace' to visit Muskegon

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Michigan's Mr. Peace, Kevin Szawala, will make two appearances in Muskegon next week. Szawala will perform at the Aug. 31 **Anti-Bullying Symposium** and on Sept. 2 at the Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation's Culture Camp. Szawala is a motivational speaker who addresses the issues of bullying, violence, substance abuse and suicide through hip-hop music and poetry in what he calls an "edutainment" package.

As the Family Program Co-Coordinator at St. Joseph's Church in South Lyon, he teaches weekly K-8th grade religious education classes. But his day job is running **Being Who I Want 2 Be, LLC**, a motivational speaking forum designed to help at-risk youth, ranging in age from elementary students to young adults. So far his message has reached over 50,000 people.

He also serves as the state coordinator for Michigan's Department of Peace campaign, traveling across the state to give talks on peace and non-violence.

The Anti-Bullying Symposium is for all ages and open to the public. It runs 7-9 p.m. Aug. 31 in the auditorium at Mona Shores Middle School, 1700 Woodside, and will feature several local speakers on such topics as "What is a Bully?" "Cyber Bullying," "Bullying and the Law," "Juvenile Consequences, Parents, Responsibility" and "Suicide." The program was organized by Norton Shores Girl Scout Cadette Troop No. 20324. For more information, 231-780-4985.

**Culture Camp**, designed to teach peace through play, still is accepting new campers ages 6 to 12. The day camp runs 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at HUUC, 1296 Montgomery, and costs \$40. The camp will focus on a different country each day teaching songs, dances and arts and crafts, with an emphasis on making the world a more peaceful place by understanding different cultures.

Registration forms are available at the church website, [harboruu.org](http://harboruu.org) or by calling Gwen Williams, 231-638-7237.

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