Middle School Youth

Learning & Growing in Christ

A day at Pine Hills Camp can give new meaning to the phrase, "Just hanging around with my friends." This August, a group of 23 parish youth in grades 6, 7 and 8 traveled to the camp near Brighton for a day of team building games, swimming and challenges on the high-ropes course.



One event, called The Maze, allows the students to put on a harness and climb 30 feet up to a series of platforms and ropes. The challenge is to walk around the course — along swinging tires and catwalk ropes. While each of the students said it was a little scary at times, they learned that they could challenge themselves to face their fear — much as they have to do in school and real-life situations.

The group also met some new friends, since 5 of the participants were from our sister parish, St. Benedict in Highland Park. The St. Benedict students joined us as our guests, and many of them would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in activities such as these.

Look for more opportunities for Middle School students throughout the coming year. We will be planning a few major events and WELCOME students from all area schools to participate. For more information, contact Rita Zyber, Director of Middle School Religious Education at 821-2133 or <rzyber@stfrancisa2.org>.