

## VERA LLOYD YOUTH ATTEND FERNCLIFF PRESBYTERIAN CAMP AT FERNDALE, ARKANSAS

"I had never gone to camp before. I had a lot of fun." "Are we going to do this every year? I want to." "I don't ever want to leave," said Rashad, Kyle, and Karrie respectively who were campers among 30 Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home youth who attended Ferncliff camp this summer.

The staff had as much fun as the youth." It was the best vacation ever." "It was faith centered." "This was a great trip. I hope we are able to do it again next year."

The Ferncliff counselors and youth hiked a mountain, canoed, played "Big Fizz", "Capture the Flag", "The Ultimate Rock-Paper-Scissor game", sang, worshiped, swam, and prayed. "The counselors were out of this world. They could get even the most negative person positive," said Bonnie Hicks, On Campus School Consultant/Activities Coordinator.



Because of a cooperative effort between Ferncliff camp and Vera Lloyd, 30 youth and 14 staff members enjoyed a week of camp at Ferncliff. Our thanks to Executive Director David Gill of Ferncliff, who raised half of the cost for Vera Lloyd youth to attend from Synod of the Sun Mission Initiative grant for \$5000 and Presbytery of Arkansas Mission Committee grant for \$3000.

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Four Presbyterian Women lead by Maryann Sweeney from Bella Vista Presbyterian Church gave their time and talent by teaching a Creative Arts Workshop for Vera Lloyd youth. The first project was making a memory pillow. The youth chose a patterned piece of cloth for one side of the pillowcase and a solid color for the other. Then they decorated the solid side using stencils or drawing their own patterns. Finally, they learned how to hand stitch the ends together.

The second project involved working with life size puppets, which included the mother, father, brother, sister, baby, and their dog. They learned how to work the puppets, write a script, set up the stage, and perform a script.

"I have to admit I was a little worried about these two activities as I didn't know if it would fit with our youth. Boy was I ever wrong. They loved every minute of it and had a souvenir to bring home with them to put on their beds. Do they want to do this again? Yes," said Bonnie.