



Sister Ginny Heldorfer, OSF assists the girls in creating rain sticks on "water day."

Best Franciscan Friends (BFF) Camp

Twenty three Dubuque 5th grade girls attended the second annual BFF Camp at Mount St. Francis June 13-15, hosted by Franciscan Sisters Ginny Heldorfer and Mary Peter. Volunteers were: Sr. Kay Gaul, OSF, Sr. Sarah Kohles, OSF, Emma Hartman, Beth Kowal, Kate Stachowiak, and Shirlee Sullivan. The camp activities centered on the themes of EARTH, WATER, and LIGHT which are Franciscan concerns.

Many parents and siblings joined us with song, smores and prayer at the bonfire on LIGHT day and participated in the closing Mass on WATER day. Our "Sister Water Project" (to assist in meeting the needs in providing safe, clean water to the people of Honduras and Tanzania) was shared with the girls. The retired Sisters enjoyed being served home-made candy and viewing the puppet show performances created by the girls.

The following are a few thoughts from camp participants:

"I liked making crafts: rain sticks, scrapbook, cards, and door hangers for the older sisters. The water games were fun too. But most of all, I liked everything." - Emma D

"A fun group project that I enjoyed at the BFF Camp was making the puppet show. It told the story of St. Francis in a fun way." - Liz Mabel

"I learned that not everyone has clean water to drink. I am more grateful for what we have." - Payton

"Evelyn had a wonderful time! Thank you all for creating a fun experience that addressed so many of the girls' needs -- spiritual, creative, physical, artistic and intellectual. She completed her scrapbook and has enjoyed sharing it with others. Please know that we will keep you and the Franciscan community in our prayers." - Mary Ellen Carroll (parent of camp participant)

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