



3 Day Youth Retreat

Teens spend 3 Days in Prayer and Reflection



Flowery Branch, GA - When the church administration approached the Knights about a problem,, we immediately reacted.

It seemed that the respected youth coordinator was leaving for college and someone was needed to step up and lead a 3 day youth retreat or it was at risk to be cancelled.

Brandon Montgomery, Youth director and previous LifeTeen participant, sat down with the DGK and GK to discuss ramifications of what needed to be done and how we could accomplish

it. Over the next 3 months, Brandon arranged a team of Knights and Adults to lead and coordinate the retreat.

The problem, was finding a creative way for the youth to talk about serious subjects in a safe environment. A way for the kids to "leave all their sins at the retreat" and return home with joy and a feeling of being renewed.

Over the course of three days there were speakers, prayer, games, hiking and meditation, Mass held outside, and music.

According to the Youth Director there were very emotional moments by a few teens and more than one teen asked to get up and speak or give an impromptu talk to the others.

The greatest story is that of the Log Cutting Ceremony. This is where a brother Knight provided a very large log braced to the ground that could only be cut by two man saw or by swinging a large axe. The teens got to write their sins on this log, a place to "leave it all out on a table". Once done, each took a turn destroying the log in their own way - from cutting it with a saw to hacking at it with an axe or going as far as even kicking the log.

Each teen had their own unique experience and the feedback from the event was very positive.



Event:
3 Day Youth Retreat

Category:
Youth

Date:
Oct 8-10, 2010

Location:
Prince of Peace Catholic Church

Manhours:
280+ Hours

Chairman:
Brandon Montgomery

Attendance:
9 Adults (7 Knights)

18 High School Kids



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Unlike our other submissions this was a very private and special event. A safe place for teens to open up and talk about sensitive subjects without fear of retribution.

As a result, you will find no photo's attached other than clip art to help accent the piece. Out of respect to the teens and coordinators we did not get quotes or take photo's to publish.

This event was for the teens and we respected their privacy