

Camp Vine Promotes Relationship With God

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LINDALE, Texas—This year Camp Vine was pleased to welcome 30 participants from around the United States for its annual summer youth camp July 26-30, 2017.

Deep in the Piney Woods of East Texas at the Timberline camp facility near Lindale, campers were treated to all the recreational activities that camps should offer like canoeing, archery, rifles, skeet shooting, paintball and zip line.

However, Camp Vine, sponsored for the third year in a row by the Church of God Big Sandy, always strives to provide more fun experiences to its campers, such as an opening-night glow-in-the-dark pool party or midcamp fun-in-the-sun games like slip-and-slide kickball.

This year the camp's organizers were pleased to offer two full hours of late-afternoon laser tag through Power Laser Tag (of Jacksonville, Texas), whose personnel came out to suit up campers with the coolest gear and guide them through tactical laser games.

As always, Camp Vine, whose name is a reference to John 15:3, ended the week with a lively dance complete with a laser-light extravaganza, deejayed by WeBeRockn Entertainment, a family-friendly deejay service based in Longview, Texas.

Through all the fun that Camp Vine offers, the main goal is to inspire campers to grow their personal relationships with God and leave with a deeper understanding of His Word.

This year's theme was "Justice, Mercy and Humility," based on Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Camp counselors provided workbooks to help guide campers through personal Bible study, full Bible study and small-group discussions each full day of the camp, to delve deeper into the concepts of justice, mercy and humility.