

## North Carolina Youth Ministries Rafting Trip

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In North Carolina, the youth ministry team demonstrated the theme of Connect through a white water rafting and camping trip. Fourteen high school and college students came out for the weekend, including some youth who have not been very active in the ministry. It was an opportunity to bond through the adventure of working as a team and avoiding rocks or capsizing.

In the evening, they camped in the woods overnight, roasting hot dogs, eating smores, playing games and sharing stories of their rafting experience.

“The most memorable part of the trip for me was having conversations on the four-hour car ride with various people,” said staff member Gene Huneycutt. “We felt more connected through conversations about what we’re currently up to in our lives, what’s been going on, and sharing funny moments.”

The youth all expressed enjoyment and looked forward to future events. They appreciated simply being with each other in a culture of love, joy and laughter.