

St. Paul Youth (SPY) Group Summer Trip

The SPY group went to Marvel, Arkansas for a week this summer, as part of the Youth Works project.

Emily, Sadie, and Jenny reported on their trip, assisted by Denise Wilson, one of the adult advisors. There were 8 youth and two adults on the trip from Treynor.

This year they stopped at Joplin, Missouri to help with the flood cleanup on their way to Marvel. They stopped for the day, but were only able to help for two hours due to temperatures over 100 degrees.

In Marvel the youth worked on Kids Club, Sports Camp, and in a nursing home. Each day they had breakfast, devotional, work at their worksite, and a group meeting in the evening, sharing and singing. They enjoyed working with other youth from Colorado and Michigan, making about 70 youth in all.

Emily said she worked with the Kids Club for three days. She realized that those children did not have much of a home life. She said she still talks to friends she met on facebook and Skype. She was impressed with how the youth worked with some children with Downs Syndrome who came along on the trip.

Sadie enjoyed helping with the flood cleanup. She wished they could have stayed longer and was overcome with emotions their last night.

Jenny grew closer to her father who went along on the trip. He went far outside his comfort zone to help with the trip. She said that she learned a lot about wants versus needs.

All three girls said that they want to go next year. That trip will be to Colorado.