

great experience



The renovation and winterizing of Camp Stella Maris dovetails neatly with the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Venture Weekend program.

Venture weekends are proving to be a highly efficient means of youth training and development.

The purpose of such weekends is to provide a Christian community-building experience for those attending. The weekend program generally consists of four segments, each including a basic Christian truth application to oneself, a group dynamics exercise, a depth-sharing discussion and a Liturgy. One of the key advantages of the weekends is in getting dynamic youth groups started.

With the renovation and winterizing of Camp Stella Maris it will provide an ideal setting for the program throughout the year.

As one youth said, "Getting to know 25 people in less than two days and becoming their friends is really terrific. Talking, walking in the woods sitting and singing around a campfire, and learning about God and yourself all at the same time makes the weekend worthwhile."

To date, 18 Venture Weekends have taken place with about 540 teenagers and 70 adults participating. The new work at Stella Maris augurs well for the continued growth of the program.

