



“Through love, serve one another” Galatians 5:13.

BOLD’s Week Experience at Camp Sunshine

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July 2nd-7th; a week of laughter, smiles, and sunshine. As BOLD Youth Ministry approached the entrance to Camp Sunshine on the 2nd of July, we knew that we were in for an amazing week at camp filled with fireworks, a visit from the Navy SEALs, and unforgettable memories.



Camp Sunshine, located in Casco, Maine, is a place where volunteers inspire hope in families affected by life-threatening illnesses through the unique and supportive program at the beautiful campus on Maine’s Sebago Lake. Parents and siblings attend illness-specific sessions of varying lengths where they have the opportunity to solidify and renew their relationships while meeting others facing similar challenges. This all takes place while the children attend a fun filled day with volunteers. Each week, the camp changes its focus to a different specified illness. BOLD was given the opportunity to attend General Oncology week at camp. This week wasn’t necessarily for a specified type of cancer, but rather didn’t even seem to be about cancer at

all. In fact, the word ‘cancer’ was not uttered once, as the week was created for children to shake their worries and have an amazing time.

As each member of BOLD proudly wore their yellow volunteer shirt everyday throughout the week, we were each granted the gift of participating in camp each in a different way. Christian and Sammy volunteered in food service where they served every meal with beaming smiles. Jonathan and Alexis helped out the teen group throughout the week, bringing a different perspective to archery and the challenge course. In the 9-12 group, Sean, Caela, and Will dedicated their time to the game room, the waterfront, and an unforgettable night of ‘yurting’. Liam spent his week with energetic 6-8 year olds playing ‘Newcomb’ and swimming in the indoor pool. Brittany volunteered down at the waterfront handing out kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards to families, campers, and volunteers. In the craft room, Kerry helped the camp with every craft possible, including wish boats for the campers and welcoming signs for the Navy SEALs. Finally, Lexi and Becca spent their time at camp with the tiniest of campers in the Nursery and Tot Lot playing with PlayDoh and digging in the sandbox.



Attending Camp Sunshine made BOLD realize that although we may have experiences that we believe we cannot endure, the simple problems we face on a daily basis are so minor compared to the lives these children and their families live. The children who attend Camp Sunshine have truly instilled hope, courage and bravery in us and we wouldn’t trade our experiences there for the world. Prior to embarking on our service trip, BOLD made sure to keep the Lord in mind, as we wrote ‘Honk 4 Jesus’ and ‘#BLESSED’ on our cars. We are all so fortunate that the Lord gave us this wonderful opportunity at Camp Sunshine to not only bond with each other as a youth ministry, but also to grow closer with the campers and the families themselves.

