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Providing a summer camp that provides both the fun children want and the Christian atmosphere parents want is not an easy task, but The Knights of Columbus has been up to the task at Camp Maryhill for the past 29 years.

Camp Maryhill was originally founded by Bishop Charles P. Greco of Alexandria for the children of that diocese, but it later opened to children from throughout the state in 1951.

During their week or two-week stay, children have a chance to go hiking, canoeing, swimming, and horseback riding, as well as play various games, make arts and crafts and put on talent shows. And of course, there is a liberal sprinkling of religious activities.

The camp runs from June to July each summer and there may be anywhere from 50 to 60 children present on any given week.

Knights of Columbus from various districts in the state and outside the state recruit children for the program, which costs from $15 to $25 a week. The K. of C. is also responsible for transportation.

The purpose of the camp is to provide inexpensive summer entertainment in a Christian environment. Not all of the children are Catholic, however.

The camp is open to both boys and girls, but the group pictured is a girls group which came in conjunction with Camp Abbey in Covington. Ten supervisors and six unit leaders supervise the children, who range in age from eight to 14.

Camp Maryhill is an opportunity for the children to beat the summer heat and escape the boredom that often sets in, and parents find in the camp a chance to provide wholesome entertainment in a good environment, and at an affordable cost.

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