We welcomed familiar friends and new faces to the Sixth (Almost) Annual Rainbow Camp in August, 2021. This year, we extended a special invitation to neurodivergent folks, and provided some safe alternative activities for those who experience the world differently. Camp was well attended, even though we were still in the shadow of Covid-19. We’re already looking toward next year, with plans to add an optional overnight stay before our Saturday day of fun.

More and more people, particularly Gen Z adults and younger, are identifying as something other than straight and cisgender. They understand gender differently than older generations, and they think about who they love differently. This camp can be a safe introduction to DuBois Center for someone to experience a church camp that is affirming and supportive, where faith and fellowship meet. Rainbow Camp is a truly safe place where everyone is recognized as a child of God, just as God made them. Straight allies are welcome, too.

ISC Pride was founded in 2010 as an extension of the Justice and Witness Team. We provide friendship, support and networking in the Illinois South Conference for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community, as well as for straight allies who have parents, siblings, children or friends who are LGBTQ.

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