



CAMP HOPE

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Camp HOPE is a weekend camp where children are brought together to work through the grieving process after a loved one dies. Fun is top priority and the kids learn that it's okay to laugh and play - and that doing so is not disrespectful to the memory of the person who died. Through the weekend of fun, sharing their pain and supporting each other, the children are shown that their emotions are a normal part of grief, they are not alone, and at Camp HOPE, their pain is understood.

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LOCATION

Camp HOPE is located at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in central Wisconsin and is within easy driving distance from all parts of the state. The 400-acre wildlife refuge includes a 45-acre private lake, nature trails, and cabins that complete the picturesque camp setting.

REGISTRATION

Camp HOPE is **FREE** of charge for all campers and requires a completed registration and health history form. Our campers range in age from 5-18. Visit camphopeforkids.org for camp weekend dates and registration instructions.



CORE VALUES

Camp HOPE proudly welcomes all children and families. We are committed to ensuring our camp environment is a place where people feel they can belong. Everyone deserves respect, dignity, and self-determination. We embrace our differences as our strengths.





WHAT TO EXPECT

From the moment our campers arrive, they are greeted by our staff with a positive energy that carries on throughout the weekend. Some activities at camp include swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, yoga, drumming, and basketball. An arts and crafts area gives campers the chance to express themselves through creativity. Campers have time to reflect and share their own experiences as well as listen and learn from others as they share their stories. A memory collage, a medical Q&A session, and a candlelight ceremony are a few of the activities designed to slowly and carefully guide each child through some of the pain of grief.

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ADULT CAMP

Camp HOPE offers a retreat for adults who have children attending camp. These family members gain insight into their grief, while being treated to massage therapy, canoeing, hiking, arts & crafts and the bonds of new and powerful friendships.



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- Campers and families
- Volunteers
- Donations
- Speaking engagements

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- Speaking engagements
- Prospective therapy dogs
- Camp HOPE weekend group activities



FUNDRAISING

Since our camps are conducted free of charge, fundraising is an essential part of Camp HOPE operations. Funds are raised through the generosity of clubs, organizations, foundations, businesses, individuals and events.

To donate, please visit our website
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