



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.

CAMP HOPE

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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.

HOUSING

Campers stay in furnished cabins with their counselors and a small group of campers of their same age. To ensure a comfortable experience, the camp provides on-site dining and sheltered gathering spaces in case of inclement weather.

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.





ACTIVITIES

From the moment our campers arrive, they are greeted by our welcoming staff with a positive energy that carries on throughout the weekend. Activities at camp include swimming, fishing or boating, hiking or a hayride, yoga, drumming, storytelling, music, ping pong, board games, basketball, volleyball or baseball. An arts and crafts area gives campers the chance to be creative. Campers also have time to reflect, share and learn of others' memories of loved ones that died. 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.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Campers can expect laughing, good food, smiles, experiencing new things, sharing, cookies, making new friends and a sense of belonging and fulfillment for taking the step forward to be a part of the Camp HOPE family!

THE STAFF

The Camp HOPE staff are carefully screened and selected from all backgrounds across the state of Wisconsin. Ninety percent of our counselors have suffered the death of a family member or close friend, which has made them sensitive to the feelings of the children. Staff training is conducted prior to camp to ensure a knowledgeable and cohesive camp. In addition to the counseling staff, each camp has several volunteers who cook and direct programs throughout the weekend.

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.





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
camphopeforkids.org



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