

2019 Grief Support & Bereavement Camps

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Camp	When?	Who?	Information	Where?	Cost/Capacity	Contact
Tommy's Kids (Summer Camp) , a program of Adventist St. Thomas Hospice	June 24-28, 2019 9:00am-3:30pm Camp will be held rain or shine.	5-12 years old	This is a 5-day bereavement day camp where children come together to talk about their loss, remember special times, meet new friends and have fun.	Katherine Legge Memorial Park Hinsdale, IL	There is \$50 tuition with scholarships available.	For more information or to register please contact Laura Cottrell, Camp Director, at 630-856-6985 or Laura.Cottrell@amitahealth.org .
Peace of the Heart , a program of Joliet Area Community Hospice	June 17-20, 2019 9 am – 3 pm	Children ages 7-13 who have experienced the death of a loved one.	The camp will provide activities that are structured to help children through the natural grieving process, as well as participating in regular camp activities such as arts, crafts, swimming, hiking, sports and games.	Ira Jones Middle School, Plainfield, IL	Registration is limited to 30 participants.	For more information, please contact the Director of Bereavement Services, at (815) 460-3282. https://www.joliethospice.org/uploads/3/4/1/4/34141506/2019_poth_flyer_final__002_.pdf
Peace of the Heart , a program of Joliet Area Community Hospice	June 11-12, 2019 9 am – 3 pm	Teens aged 14-18 who have experienced the death of a loved one.	The camp will provide activities that are structured to help children through the natural grieving process, as well as participating in regular camp activities such as arts, crafts, swimming, hiking, sports and games.		Registration is limited to 30 participants.	For more information, please contact the Director of Bereavement Services, at (815) 460-3282.
Camp Courage , JourneyCare	July 15-19, 2019: Camp 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (except Friday) July 19: Family Day 9:00 am – 2:00 pm	For children and teens ages 6-13, who are grieving the loss of a loved one.	This is a 4-day bereavement camp for children. The camp fosters hope and healing as campers explore and express their feelings in a safe, supportive & fun environment.	YMCA Camp Duncan, Ingleside, IL	The camp is no cost and donations are welcome.	For more information please visit the website: https://journeycare.org/campcourage/ Or call (224) 770-CARE. Application: https://journeycare.org/camp-courage-application/



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Seasons Hospice Foundation, Camp Kangaroo	August 9-11, 2019 in Willow Springs, IL October 19-20 in Lake Geneva, IL	Willow Springs: Children and teens ages 5-13 who experienced a loss within the last 2 years Lake Geneva: Children and teens ages 6-17	Led by professionals and trained volunteers from Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care, Camp Kangaroo provides a unique opportunity for campers to build relationships with one another helping them to feel less alone in their loss.	Willow Springs, IL Lake Geneva, WI	There is no cost to participants.	Willow Springs camp: https://seasonsfoundation.org/camp-kangaroo/camp-kangaroo-illinois/ Lake Geneva Camp: https://seasonsfoundation.org/camp-kangaroo/camp-kangaroo-wisconsin-2/
Grief Takes a Hike , a program of Fox Valley Hands of Hope	August 2-4, 2019	Family-based. Spanish interpreters are available.	This is a weekend overnight adventure for families who have experienced the death of a loved one. Families come together in a supportive setting to experience the therapeutic value of nature and to share and process feelings.	Inspiration Retreat Center, Walworth, Wisconsin	There is no cost and free transportation from Geneva, Illinois is provided.	For more information or to register, please contact Jill Thorson, Children's Bereavement Services Coordinator, at (630) 232-2233 ext. 225. Website: http://fvhh.net/programs-services/grief-support/family/grief-takes-a-hike/
Camp Kesem	Various camps offered this summer	Children 6-16 whose parent died of cancer.	Camp Kesem supports children by providing a week-long summer camp experience.	*DePaul *NIU *Northwestern University *Norte Dame and many other universities in Illinois and neighboring states	There is no cost to participants.	For more information or to register please visit http://campkesem.org NIU: https://campkesem.org/niu/ Northwestern: https://campkesem.org/northwestern/ DePaul: https://campkesem.org/depaul/ Notre Dame: https://campkesem.org/notre-dame/



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Hands Together, Heart to Art Summer Camp, sponsored by the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University	Ages: 7- 10 Monday - Friday day camp. July 8-19, 2019 <hr/> Ages: 11-14 Monday - Friday day camp. July 22 - Aug 2, 2019	This program is specifically designed for children ages 7-14 who have experienced the death of a parent.	This camp employs the healing power of creative play using theatre, music, dance and art and emphasizes building self-esteem and problem solving.	Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University	There is \$50 tuition (includes lunch) with scholarships available.	For more information or to register please contact atru-education@auditoriumtheater.org. Website: https://www.auditoriumtheatre.org/hearts-to-art/
Camp Erin, Presented in collaboration with Adventist St. Thomas Hospice and the Moyer Foundation	October 11, 12, 13, 2019	Children and teens ages 6-17	This camp is a weekend grief support camp that is designed to help children and teenagers. We combine traditional camp activities with grief education and emotional support.	Camp Manitoqua, Frankfort, IL	There is no cost to participants.	For more information or to register please contact Laura Cottrell at (630) 856-6985. Website: http://moyerfoundation.org/camps-programs/camp-erin/
Camp Sheilah, a program of Sheilah A. Doyle Foundation	September 6-8, 2019 Parent Program: September 7	Children and teens ages 7-17. Also has programming for parents.	This is a 3-day bereavement camp for children who have experienced the death of a parent, legal guardian, or sibling to homicide.	Camp Manitoqua, Frankfort, IL	There is no cost to participants.	For more information or to register please contact Kelly Doyle at 708-885-3900 or kelly@sadfund.org . Website: http://www.sadfund.org/campers/
Gilda's Club Summer Camp	Kids Camp June 24 - 28, 2019 Chicago, IL Teen Camp July 15 - 19, 2019 Ages 13-19 Chicago, IL		This camp is for kids and teens living with a cancer diagnosis, who have a family member or friend living with a cancer diagnosis or have lost a loved one to cancer	Chicago, IL - Lincoln Park area	There is no cost to participants. Limited to 40 participants, register as soon as possible	https://www.gildasclubchicago.org/get-support/programs/kids-programs Application: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSH9bJt51451fAzluv8Ga9L22_pSnrOufp887DwaJ-aXAnfA/viewform



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Stepping Stones Camp for Children , BJC Hospice	August 9-11, 2019	Designed for children ages 6-12 who have experienced the death of a family member or close friend.	Campers for therapeutic activities to help them reflect on their feelings of grief. Stepping Stone camp offers a place for children to remember and honor their loved one in an atmosphere of understanding and encouragement, among other kids their own age, who are going through the same thing. There's also plenty of swimming, games, crafts and a carnival.	Camp Wyman Eureka, MO	There is no cost to participants.	https://www.bjchospice.org/Grief-Support/Community-Grief-Support/Stepping-Stones-Camp-for-Children
Labyrinth , BJC Hospice	June 1, 2019	A one-day grief retreat for teens aged 13-19 who have experienced the death of a family member or close friend	Labyrinth is a one-day retreat for teens age 13-19 who have experienced the death of a family member or close friend. Teens participate in activities to form connections with one another, learn ways to help cope and heal, remember their loved one and express feelings.	Forest Park Visitors Center St. Louis, MO	There is no cost to participants.	https://www.bjchospice.org/Grief-Support/Community-Grief-Support/Labyrinth-retreat-for-teens



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