

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is camp? The day camp is held in mid August.

How much does it cost? The camp is **free**. It is through fundraising efforts, grants and donations that Wellspring Lutheran Services is able to provide this program free of charge.

Who will be at camp with my children? Wellspring Lutheran Services social workers serve as camp leaders. All adults at camp receive specific training in order to be a Camp Hope volunteer. Camp Hope also has a partnership with UM-Flint, which provides nursing students and their instructor as camp volunteers. We are very selective about who is at camp with your children. All adult volunteers are required to pass a criminal background check, fingerprint check and drug screen test.

Where is the camp held? Memorial Park in Frankenmuth.

How do I apply for camp? Applications are accepted for children and teens ages 6-17 years old, each spring. To receive an application, please visit wellspringlutheran.com/camphope, call 989.652.4663 or email camphope@wellspringlutheran.com.

How do you select children for the camp? A Screening Committee comprised of medical social workers and grief counselors from Wellspring Lutheran Services reviews all applications and determines whether or not the child would benefit from the camp experience.

When will I know if my child is accepted? The Screening Committee will meet immediately after the application deadline. You will receive a letter notifying you about your child's acceptance, along with further instructions and information about a mandatory meeting for parents/guardians.

What if my child has already been to this camp? If your child has already attended Camp Hope, they will automatically be placed on the waiting list. We want to give every child an opportunity to attend this camp at least once, and space is limited each year. First priority is given to children who have never been to camp. Check your local hospice office for other grief camps offered in your area.



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What do you do at camp? The camp is set up according to the child's age and developmental level. Children are placed in groups according to age; they participate in age-appropriate grief and fun play activities.

Does it matter who died or how long ago the death was?

No. Any child can attend who has experienced the death of a close loved one, whether a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, friend, classmate, babysitter or close neighbor. Children are also encouraged to attend no matter how recent or how long ago the death occurred.

What if I have more questions? Call Wellspring Lutheran Services at 989.652.4663 to learn more. Our bereavement staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



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