

What is Camp Hope?

A two-night, three-day camp for children and teens age 6-17, Camp Hope is designed for kids who have experienced the death of someone they love. Grief is a normal response to death, and children grieve differently from adults. Children grieve in spurts, and express their grief using art and play.

Camp Hope is set up according to the child's age and developmental level. Campers are placed in age-specific groups, and participate in grief activities and fun play activities. The activities are alternated because that is how children grieve.

Camp Hope provides a safe place for children and teens to interact with peers who have experienced similar losses. Campers can express their feelings of grief, learn coping skills and most importantly, begin a healthy healing process.



It's free

There is no charge to attend Camp Hope, and it doesn't matter how long ago the loved one died. What matters is how the child is dealing with the death and the relationship the child had with the deceased. Children can have a grief reaction to a death that happened many years before. Because of the significant missing role of the loved one, the child may have a delayed grieving period as they come to understand how the absence affects their life.

Apply today

Applications are accepted each spring. Contact Wellspring Lutheran Services for an application.

Website: wellspringlutheran.com/camphope
Email: camphope@wellspringlutheran.com
Phone: 989.652.4663

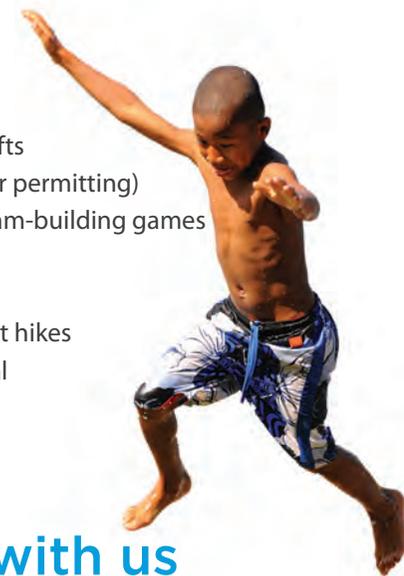


Accommodations

Campers and trained adult staff stay together in cabins at a location that provides fun, well-balanced meals. Both indoor and outdoor areas are available for activities.

Activities

- Special arts and crafts
- Swimming (weather permitting)
- Self-esteem and team-building games
- Challenge course
- Movies
- Campfires and night hikes
- Nondenominational memorial service
- New friendships



Volunteer with us

For Camp Hope to become a reality, we rely on the trained staff of the Wellspring Lutheran Services bereavement program and adult volunteers. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available and each volunteer undergoes specialized training to learn about childhood grief, the Camp Hope philosophy, and ways to support grieving children and teens.

Volunteer opportunities

- Camp Hope committee member
- Group assistant
- Program preparation
- Inventory & supply volunteer



You can help

Camp Hope thrives because of dedicated volunteers and generous gifts from people like you.

Here is how you can help:

- I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support Camp Hope.
- I would like to receive information about volunteer opportunities at Camp Hope.
- I know a child or teen who could benefit from attending Camp Hope. Please send me an application.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE

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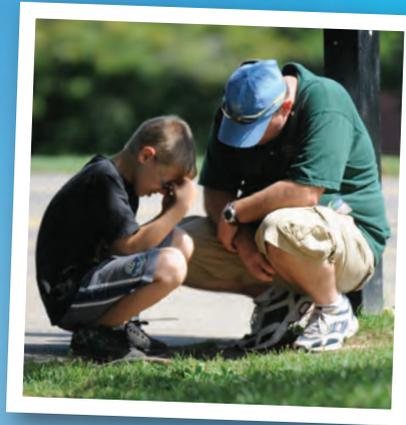
Gift information

- My check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
Make checks payable to: Wellspring Lutheran Services - Camp Hope
- Give a gift online at: www.wellspringlutheran.com

Please return this card to:

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Camp Hope

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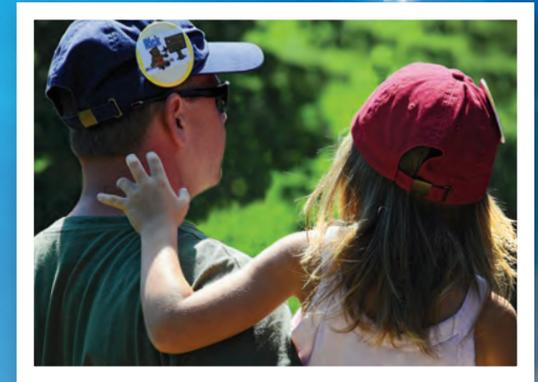
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CAMP HOPE

A **FREE** BEREAVEMENT CAMP FOR KIDS
FROM AGE 6 TO 17

Serving mid-Michigan children & teens
who have suffered a loss through
the death of a loved one


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Hope flows through us.