



WHY ? Camp Pathways

Children often feel very alone with their grief. Sensitivity about being viewed as “different” from peers can prevent them from feeling comfortable in expressing feelings to their friends. It may be difficult for them to discuss the sadness they feel with family members who are experiencing their own sense of loss.

Camp Pathways is designed to provide children with a safe place to express their feelings and experience the support they need. Professional grief counselors and trained volunteers supervise activities that are fun, safe and effective in addressing the grief-related concerns and feelings children.

Information and registration forms are available by contacting Pathways of Hope at 937-258-4991 or 1-800-653-4490, ext. 1135.

Registration Fee Schedule

\$20 for one camper

\$30 for two campers

\$40 for three or more campers

Scholarship assistance is available in cases of financial hardship.



Camp Pathways is a service of Hospice of Dayton, serving patients and families of southwestern Ohio since 1978.

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CAMP PATHWAYS 2010



A summer camp for grieving children and teens

Presented by

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WHO ?

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Camp Pathways offers grieving children opportunities for support, sharing and learning in a fun and supportive atmosphere. Pathways of Hope, a grief-counseling service of Hospice of Dayton, presents the program, which is designed for children between the ages of 7 and 17 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Children may attend regardless of whether Hospice of Dayton was involved in providing care.



- Music
- Memorial Service

Professionally licensed staff from Pathways of Hope, a nurse, chaplain, trained volunteers and outdoor educators from Camp Joy lead activities with age-specific groups.

WHAT KIDS SAY

Teens and children who have attended Camp Pathways in the past say they learned...

- “It helps to talk about it.”
- “To open up.”
- “Even when you are grieving you can have fun”
- “It’s OK to be sad and show your emotions.”
- “It’s OK to cry.”
- “That it takes time.

For them, the Camp Pathways experience was also a good experience because...

- “It helps so much with things you are confused with.”
- “It’s great to know other people are going through the same things.”
- “Because it is really FUN!”

WHAT ?

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The camp experience offers grieving children opportunities for sharing, support and learning in a retreat atmosphere. Supervised outdoor activities play a central role in camp programs that are age appropriate and may include...

- Campfires & Talent Show
- Arts & Crafts
- Grief Support Activities
- Canoeing & Fishing
- Swimming
- Climbing Wall & Ropes Course

WHERE ?

Camp Pathways

Camp Pathways is held at the Camp Joy Outdoor Education Center in Clarksville, Ohio. Camp Joy is a 315-acre setting in the Todd’s Fork Valley of Warren County. Sleeping will be lodge style with separate facilities for males and females. Meals will be prepared by Camp Joy staff and served family style.

Chartered bus transportation to the camp is provided at no cost on Friday morning. Parents and guardians join children on Sunday afternoon for a memorial service and transport children back home following the conclusion of this final camp activity.

WHEN ?

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Camp Pathways is an overnight camp, beginning Friday June 25 and ending Sunday, June 27. Advance registration by May 14, 2010 is required and early registration is strongly encouraged. Registrations after the May 9 deadline can be accepted on a space-available basis only.