



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Camp Courage is for children ages 6-12 and teenagers 15-19 who have experienced the death of a loved one. The Harbor Hospice Board and Management have supported this life-changing experience for 23 years. We believe there is wisdom in getting to the root of grief early in a child's development rather than letting it intensify into something much worse over time.

Each summer children gather to have all the typical fun of camp, combined with the guidance of professional counselors and trained volunteers to address their losses. The camp has a \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee (to be paid only by children accepted to attend). This fee can be waived if financial resources are not available.

Camp Courage also offers a Junior Counselor program for teens. Junior Counselors participate in all the same activities as the campers, with an emphasis on leadership in their role as mentors to the younger campers. The Junior Counselors have additional peer-support with added group activities and processing with a professional counselor leading their groups.

This year, Camp Courage will be held at the Pioneer Trails Campground on Big Blue Lake from **Friday at 10:00am on June 23 through 2:00pm on Sunday, June 25, 2017**. For the safety of your child, no one can be dropped off before 10:00am on Friday morning.

To have your child/teen considered for this camp, please complete the enclosed forms **in their entirety** and return them to the Harbor Hospice office as soon as possible (please do not send the \$10.00 registration fee until you receive notice your child/teen has been selected to attend). **Each page of the application must be complete for us to consider your child for Camp Courage.** This does not guarantee your child a place since enrollment is limited and priority must be given to children who are in most need as determined by a clinical review process of all applications.

If you have any questions about Camp Courage, please do not hesitate to contact us at 231.728.3442 or 800.497.9559. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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