



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Camp Courage is a weekend overnight camp for children ages 6 – 12, and teens ages 15 – 19 as junior counselors, who are grieving the death of a loved one. At this annual camp, children gather to have typical camp fun such as crafts, archery, games, sing-a-longs, swimming and boating, combined with the guidance of professional counselors and trained volunteers to address their losses. The goal of Camp Courage is to provide a safe environment for children to express their thoughts and feelings, and recognize that they are not alone in their grief.

Camp Courage 2019 will be held June 21 – 23 at Pioneer Trails on Big Blue Lake in Muskegon County. Campers will arrive at 10 AM on Friday and leave at 2 PM on Sunday. Applications are available on the Camp Courage page of our website (<https://harborhospicemi.org/resources/camp-courage/>), or by calling us at 231-728-3442 or 800-497-9559. To have your child(ren) considered for camp, please return completed applications to Harbor Hospice **by May 10, 2019**. Because of generous support from Harbor Hospice and our community, the only cost to attend camp is a \$10 registration fee per camper (to be paid after your child has been accepted to camp).

Please note that enrollment is limited and submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance to camp. Priority is given to first-time campers and those who are in the most need as determined by a clinical review process. Returning campers may be placed on a waiting list and accepted as space allows.

The Harbor Hospice Board and management team have supported the life-changing experience of Camp Courage for 26 years. We believe that providing grief support in the early stages of development can have positive lifetime effects. If you have any questions about camp or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email.

Sincerely,

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