



for grieving children, teens, & families

Family Newsletter

March 2018

Camp Success!

Camp Erin Tampa Bay 2018 has come and gone but the amazing experience that was felt that weekend will live on in the lives of the campers, volunteers and staff for a long time! We had 61 campers, 78 volunteers and 5 staff members who attended this year.

Camp Erin is a life changing camp for children between the ages of 6-17 who are grieving the death of a significant person. It is a weekend of fun, support and some hard work facing the pain of the loss. The kids are supported by all of the amazing volunteers that attended.

We want to say thank you to ALL of the 78 volunteers who chose to spend the entire weekend with us helping these campers through their grief. We could never accomplish a camp of this magnitude without these amazing individuals! Your compassion, empathy and friendship for these kids shined all weekend long!

Camper Comments

Please tell us how Camp Erin helped you...

Camp Erin helped me by helping my grief. It had been a great 3 days and helped me for 3 days. Camp Erin inspired me that I am not alone.

- 10yo Girl

Camp Erin was very helpful. After I found out my dad committed suicide I felt like my life was over. But Camp Erin helped me see that there is a reason to keep on going.

- 13yo Girl

The adults talked to me not only about my grief, we also shared opinions and interests openly, and I love that because talking only about grief is depressing so it gave me a little cool off time. Thank you for opening up my mind.

- 17yo Boy

It helped me to get my feelings of the grief. It helped me also know there is a lot of people going through what I'm going through and even worse. I made a lot of friends to talk about my grief and to build a trust with them. I also had a fun time and it helped me to be myself, relax, have fun, and to talk about my grief and to not be afraid to talk about it.

- 12yo Girl

Camp Erin help me realize that I'm not alone. I lost my mom, but now I know that there are more people exactly like me. And it's nice to talk about it and really get these feelings out.

- 12yo Boy

Camp Erin has helped me because I got all of my anger and sadness out of the loss of my special person. It also helped me because I feel much better than when I first came. It also helped me because I met people who have lost someone, just like me. I <3 Camp Erin.

- 10yo Girl

Camp Erin helped me in many ways. For example, smashing tiles helped me get all of my anger out. I also helped when everyone shared their stories so it felt like we were all in the same boat.

- 10yo Boy

It helped because now I know I can tell anyone about my grieving Also I learned new ways to calmdown and I had so so so much fun and I made new friends but they are just like me because they are grieving too!!!

- 8yo Girl

Camp Erin helped me cry out and not hold it in anymore.

- 13yo Boy

Camp Erin made me realize how bad it is to help in your grief and that so many people have also lost someone.

- 11yo Girl

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Group Color Key:
 Lutz Location Groups
 Satellite Location Groups
 Adult Only Groups

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 3rd-5th (R) 6:30-8:00 Teen Boys (MS & HS) 6:30-8:00 Brandon 6:30-8:00 (All age groups)	2	3
4	5 Healing After Heartache: Adult Grief Support Group 7:00-8:30	6 3rd-5th (T) 6:30-8:00 Middle School Girls 6:30-8:00	7 K-2nd (W) 6:30-8:00 HALOS Group: Healing After a Loved One's Suicide 7:00-8:30	8	9	10
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25	26 Littles (3-5 y/o) 5:30-6:30	27 K-2nd (T) 6:30-8:00 High School Girls 6:30-8:00	28 3rd-5th (W) 6:30-8:00	29 5 th Thursday No Groups	30 Non-Student Day No School	31

Please call/email if your family will be absent from group
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