# **Experience Camps**







2020

### FREE, ONE-WEEK CAMPS FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, ENTERING GRADES 4-12, WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE DEATH OF A PARENT, SIBLING OR PRIMARY CAREGIVER.

### **2020 LOCATIONS**

# GEORGIA | CALIFORNIA | PENNSYLVANIA | MAINE | MICHIGAN



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**Experience Camps** provide boys and girls whose parent, sibling or primary caregiver has died, with a program that helps build confidence, encourages laughter and allows them to navigate their grief through friendship, teamwork, athletics, and the common bond of loss.

It is a safe environment where kids can explore their grief, break the isolation they may feel with their non-camp peers, and have a whole lot of fun. They have the opportunity to meet and connect with kids who are coping with similar challenges, while getting all of the benefits of the traditional summer camp experience. Through team sports, favorite camp traditions and community living they learn about leadership, confidence and cooperation. Under the guidance of professional bereavement staff, campers have the opportunity to share stories and remember the people who died, while exploring skills that will help them after camp.

The program is designed to maximize each camper's time with his or her bunkmates to give him or her time to bond and build the trust that leads to open communication. Campers can play their favorite sports, engage in creative activities, and explore new skills, like rock climbing, waterskiing, and archery. A full day of fun and rewarding activity takes place in the beautiful outdoors, surrounded by accepting friends, supportive counselors and fresh air.



## **2020 DATES**

#### **GEORGIA**

August 3-8

For boys and girls entering grades 4-10 in the 20/21 school year. At Camp Blue Ridge in Mountain City, GA.

#### **CALIFORNIA**

August 3-8 (girls) August 10-15 (boys)

For boys and girls entering grades 4-12 in the 20/21 school year. At Green Oak Ranch in Vista, CA.

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

August 17-22

For boys entering grades 4-12 and girls entering grades 4-11 in the 20/21 school year. At Camps Equinunk and Blue Ridge in Equinunk, PA.

#### **MAINE**

**August 24-29** 

For boys entering grades 4-12 and girls entering grades 4-9 in the 20/21 school year. At Camps Manitou in Oakland, ME and Camp Somerset in Smithfield, ME.

#### **MICHIGAN**

August 25-30

For boys and girls entering grades 4-8 in the 20/21 school year. At Camps Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods in Decatur, MI.