

Camp MAGIK/Camp Erin – Fall 2017 Announcement

--A Special Camp for Kids ages 7-18 Who Have Lost a Parent, Sibling or Other Close Loved One--

www.campmagik.org

****October 13-15, Union Point, Georgia****

(1 hr+ west of Downtown Atlanta)

Camp MAGIK/Camp Erin is pleased to announce its 2017 fall schedule of healing camps for children and teens. Camp MAGIK (Mainly About Grief In Kids)/Erin serves children who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or other close family member within the past three years. Camp MAGIK/Erin will provide an opportunity for children and teens to meet, talk, and process their grief with professional grief counselors. Time will also be spent on play and fun as a way to help the children heal from the experience of death in the family. Activities may include archery, canoeing, a ropes course, nature hikes, treasure hunts, hay rides, campfires, story-telling, and a talent show. Each camp will be divided into two groups, one for ages 7 - 11, and one for ages 12 - 18.

Camp MAGIK/Erin sessions are **free of charge for the children who attend**. Our Union Point camp is made possible through a generous grant from The Moyer Foundation and a generous donation from Jim McDonald in memory of his mother, Helen Agnes McDonald.

Applications can be found on our website: www.campmagik.org (under the "join us" tab) and need to be postmarked and sent to **Camp MAGIK, 3377 Ridgewood Road, GA 30327** or faxed to the office at **404.355.6631 by Wednesday, October 4, 2017**.

Due to the high demand for our camps, we cannot accept repeat campers.

Parents and guardians – There are three (3) options for parents/guardians:

- A **retreat** for parents/guardians which will be held at the same time as the children's camp (October 13-15). The retreat will be facilitated by mental health professionals and will provide an opportunity for adults to process their own grief and be with others who have also had a significant loss. Parents/guardians will stay at a location close to, but separate from their children. Activities will include opportunities to relax, talk, provide and receive support, and learn more about grief and loss in a beautiful and peaceful setting. The registration fee for the retreat is \$25.00, which includes room, meals, and all activities. **Space for this option is limited. Your children attend FREE.**
- For parents/guardians with more limited time, a special workshop will be held on Sunday October 15 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This program will help you understand more about your child's grief and will suggest healthy ways for your whole family to manage and cope with your loss. Activities will include a classroom lecture, a cook-out, and small group discussion. This option is **free** of charge. All events except the cook-out are adults only.
- Parents/guardians who do not have the time to participate in any of the two options above can still have their children attend camp. Drop your children off at the designated drop-off time on Friday and pick up at the designated pick-up time on Sunday. Again, children attend **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Camp Location:

- The Union Point camp will be held at the Swamp, located in Union Point, Georgia, approximately an hour west of Downtown Atlanta.

Free transportation from Atlanta, Duluth, Norcross, Cleveland, Gainesville, Athens, and Augusta

Specific Camp MAGIK/Camp Erin details (maps, directions, what to bring, etc.) will be mailed to all accepted camp participants approximately two weeks before camp. If you have any questions, please call Dr. **Rene Searles McClatchey** at **404.790.0140** or email campmagik@gmail.com. We hope to see you at Camp MAGIK/Camp Erin!