



## A special weekend camp for grieving children & teens August 23 – 25, 2019

**Do you know a young person who would benefit from a weekend of grief support, encouragement and enjoyable activities?** Camp Healing Tree is an opportunity for grieving children and teens ages 7 – 17 years old to be with friends their age who have also had a loved one die and share the big feelings, thoughts and changes they experience through grief. By connecting in peer-based age groups, campers find relief in knowing that they are not alone on the journey of grief.

Established in 1995 by a team of devoted volunteers and community supporters, Camp Healing Tree became a program of Brooke's Place in 2018. Under the supervision of professional staff, the camp utilizes over 100 screened and trained volunteers to provide a safe, supportive environment to share one's grief through a variety of expressive activities. Although the camp focuses on grief, there are many fun activities for campers to enjoy, such as swimming, arts and crafts, games, campfire, group discussions and outdoor adventures. Activities are facilitated by supportive volunteers to gently teach coping skills and build self-esteem and trust. While the camp environment is rustic, the cabins are modern and air-conditioned. A registered nurse will be at the camp at all times.

Camp Healing Tree takes place on the west side of Indianapolis at Jameson Camp. Camp begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes after the 11:00am Memorial Service for the camp participants and their families on Sunday.

**Due to limited capacity, camper placement is on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority given to first time campers.** All applicants should complete the registration process no later than **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Returning applicants should complete the registration process as early as possible in order to be placed on the camp wait list. *Returning campers will receive notification of registration for camp after August 1st.*

**Camper registration is required with a \$25 deposit per camper to reserve attendance** (\$50 max/family). Scholarships are available for families in need. This deposit is returned upon check-in, or families can donate it to help support Camp Healing Tree. **Applications for camp are now available at [www.brookesplace.org](http://www.brookesplace.org).**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** We are seeking volunteers to serve as camp buddies, facilitators, runners, and a number of other areas including nurses, mental health professionals and meal preparation. Volunteers must not have children who will be attending camp or were a recent camper. Most positions require a commitment to the entire weekend. Volunteers must submit a volunteer application as soon as possible (no later than July), provide references and undergo a background check. In addition, all new volunteers will need to complete volunteer training on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. **To find out more about volunteering, visit the Camp Healing Tree program page at [www.brookesplace.org](http://www.brookesplace.org) or email [CHTvolunteers@brookesplace.org](mailto:CHTvolunteers@brookesplace.org)**

### **Questions?**

**Campers:** Contact the Camp Registrar at [chtfamilies@brookesplace.org](mailto:chtfamilies@brookesplace.org)

**Volunteers:** Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at [chtvolunteers@brookesplace.org](mailto:chtvolunteers@brookesplace.org)  
[www.brookesplace.org](http://www.brookesplace.org) / 317-705-9650 ext. 20

***Brooke's Place provides support groups, therapy services, and community education to empower children, teens, young adults and their families to thrive in the midst of grief.***