



**Hermann Sons Life Camp** and the **Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas** are partnering to offer children and teens a Grief Support Camp. The Children's Bereavement Center has been in San Antonio for 20 years and provides free peer support groups to youth and families to help normalize feelings, share experiences, and grieve following the death of a loved one. Hermann Sons Life offers life insurance and annuities for its members and hosts camp sessions throughout the summer. Hermann Sons Life and Children's Bereavement Center have joined together to provide this Grief Support Session to offer children and teens the opportunity to process their grief in a fun and inviting camp environment.

**Who can attend?** This camp is open for boys and girls ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of a parent, brother or sister, aunt, uncle, cousin, close friend or another special person.

**When is Camp?** Camp will be held **Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**Where is Camp held?** The grief session will be held at Hermann Sons Life Hilltop Campsite located at 170 Hilltop Camp Road, Comfort, Texas, 78013. (Approximately 40 minutes north of San Antonio, TX.)

**What will campers do?** At camp, children and teens will enjoy camp-related activities such as swimming, crafts, archery, soccer, and dance. Campers will meet other children who have experienced the death of a loved one and will participate in healing circles led by grief counselors. Healing circles allow campers to process their grief reactions in a safe environment and practice skills to cope with intense feelings and other grief reactions.

**Transportation and Overnight.** Campers will stay overnight in dorms at the Hilltop campsite. Parents/guardians will bring children to camp on **Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** to register and meet camp staff. If you prefer to ride a bus *with* your campers to camp, you will need to sign up for transportation **by June 1<sup>st</sup>** through the Children's Bereavement Center.

**What does Camp cost?** There is a \$50 per camper application fee associated with this grief support session. Scholarships or a reduced fee are available for a limited number of children for families who request with application.

**Steps to complete your camper application:**

- 1) Applications are found online at <https://www.texashermannsons.org/camp-grief-support-session-application>. You can also access this link on the Children's Bereavement Center website: [www.cbcst.org](http://www.cbcst.org). (You will complete a separate application for each camper.)
- 2) After the application is submitted, you will receive an email containing the link to a Supplemental Questionnaire which asks grief-specific information. (You will complete a separate supplemental application for each camper).
- 3) After we receive your supplemental application, staff from the Children's Bereavement Center will call you for a phone interview. This is an important and essential part of the application process as it helps us gauge your camper's needs and determine if this session is a good "fit."

**Camp application deadline is June 1, 2018.** Application process is not finalized until Supplemental Questionnaire and phone interview are complete. Campers will be accepted in order of completed applications. Space is limited for returning campers. We will discuss availability with you during the phone interview.

**Open House at Hermann Sons Life Camp.** You and your campers are invited to visit the Hermann Sons campsite and meet camp staff during their Open House on **Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 2:00**. This is an optional meeting for you and your campers but is an excellent way to help new campers visualize their camp experience.

**Camper and Parent Informational Meeting.** The Children's Bereavement Center will be hosting a Camper and Parent Meeting on **Monday, June 18 at 6:30**. This optional meeting is a time for campers and families to meet staff and ask questions.

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