



Grief Support Camp

for children & teens who have experienced
the death of someone close to them

September 22-24, 2017

Carol Joy Holling Camp | Ashland, NE

About The Moyer Foundation

Camp Erin is an initiative created and funded by The Moyer Foundation, a nonprofit organization established by World Series Champion and Major League All-Star Pitcher Jamie Moyer and his wife, Karen. The Moyer Foundation partners with bereavement organizations in communities across the country, providing a long-term commitment to bring hope and healing to thousands of children each year.

Camp Erin is named in memory of the Moyer's friend, Erin Metcalf, a remarkable young woman who died of cancer at the age of 17. Erin had a compassionate heart and often expressed concern for how children would cope after the death of a loved one. Karen and Jamie honored Erin's memory and caring spirit by establishing the first Camp Erin event in Everett, Washington in 2002. Camp Erin has grown to become the largest network of bereavement camps in the country.

The Moyer Foundation's mission is to provide comfort, hope and healing to children and families affected by grief and addiction.

For more information, visit moyerfoundation.org.



Be a Camp Volunteer

Camp Erin Lincoln is made possible through the support of many dedicated volunteers. Volunteers are needed to serve as camp counselors and as support staff to assist with the diverse camp activities.

For information on how you can volunteer for this extraordinary experience, please contact Mourning Hope at 402.488.8989 or email Lauren Patton at lpatton@mourninghope.org.

Camp Erin Lincoln volunteer applications are due by July 15, 2017.

"I want to take a moment to thank Pam, the Mourning Hope Grief Center and the Moyer Foundation for allowing me the opportunity to volunteer for this experience. Camp Erin changed my perspective. I have been grieving my father for eleven years and never received the care and compassion shown to the kids at Camp Erin. After this experience I understand things a little more clearly now. I learned, above all, that I am not alone in this. That is an invaluable feeling to me. Thank you a million for all your hard work!"
- Camp Volunteer



"Camp Erin helped me through the grieving of my dad, and the activities were really fun. I really enjoyed the company of other kids that are grieving over the death of a loved one. It really made me feel like I wasn't the only one that felt this way. I hope that we can do this every year. It was a blast!" – Age 12



*"It helped me by learning other people's stories and what they're going through. And learning that we should be grateful for meeting them and to be living. And that we are awesome and amazing. And that we can do anything!"
– Age 11*



What is Camp Erin?

Camp Erin® is a three-day, overnight bereavement camp for children and teens ages 6 through 17 who have experienced the death of someone significant in their life, such as a parent, sibling, family member or friend. Facilitated by professional staff and trained volunteers from the Mourning Hope Grief Center, Camp Erin Lincoln is offered free of charge to all bereaved youth seeking support.

At Camp Erin, youth have the opportunity to be around other children and teens who have experienced similar loss. The retreat weekend will help bereaved youth share their grief experiences in creative ways through art projects, time to talk and share, perform outdoor games and challenge courses, participate in memorial activities and even share a campfire experience!

When and Where?

The 2017 Camp Erin Lincoln will be held on Friday, Sept. 22 – Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017 at Carol Joy Holling Camp in Ashland, NE.

How Much Does it Cost?

Camp Erin is FREE to all campers through generous support from The Moyer Foundation, donations from local corporations and other area organizations.

To Register

Parents or guardians must complete an application for each child or teen who would like to attend. Applications are accepted until all available spaces are filled. *Space is limited, so we encourage you to return the completed application as soon as possible.* Please note that returning Camp Erin Lincoln participants will be considered after all spaces are offered to new campers.

The application deadline for the 2017 Camp Erin Lincoln is August 1, 2017.

For more information about Camp Erin or to submit application materials, please contact Caitlin Mason at 402.488.8989 or cmason@mourninghope.org.

*"Camp Erin helped me know that people are there for you even when you don't think they are. There is a lot of support surrounding you. It helped me realize that just because the person is gone doesn't mean they left your heart. I liked the luminaries because it shows that light will shine through your path and you're not alone."
– Age 15*

About Mourning Hope Grief Center

Mourning Hope Grief Center operates with a crystal clear, singular purpose – to bring comfort and support to youth and their families in times of grief. Mourning Hope's programs and services are designed to serve all children, teens, their caregivers and young adults who have experienced the serious illness or death of anyone significant in their lives. Those who participate may be grieving the death of a parent, sibling, grandparent or close friend.

For over two decades, Mourning Hope has provided a safe, supportive and healing environment for bereaved families. Youth and their caregivers learn healthy coping skills for dealing with the death of a loved one and are provided opportunities to grow and heal in their unique journey through grief.

"I made new friends, learned I am not alone, and that nothing is impossible." – Age 9

"I'm never alone!" – Age 6



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