

TESTIMONIALS FROM CAMP ERIN NYC



Camper Testimonials:

"Camp Erin NYC made me a stronger person and helped me get my anger out. I felt safe. They all brought my spirit back and made me a different person. They made me who I am today."

"Camp Erin really helped me express my grief in a healthy way and taught me how to transition from sad/ serious moments to fun and lighthearted ones. It really helped me connect to and open up about my mom."

"Camp helped me express myself and my inner thoughts about my loved ones. It has changed me drastically, and I don't know where I'd be without it."



Parent Testimonials:

"Camp Erin has given my daughters permission to feel the way they do and an outlet to release those feelings which is a stepping stone to their healing and something they have been searching for since the day they lost their dad."

"The fear of raising a child alone is numbing, meeting people like Camp Erin staff and volunteers reassured me that there is a network of caring and capable people that want to help, I am not alone. We are looking forward to being on the giving side in the future. You all are inspiring."



A free bereavement camp for
children 7-17 years old.
Use QR to register today!



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WHERE CHILDREN LEARN TO
GRIEVE & HEAL

WHAT IS CAMP ERIN NYC?

Camp Erin NYC is a free, weekend bereavement camp for youth who are grieving the death of a significant person in their lives. Children and teens ages 7 to 17 attend a weekend camp experience that combines grief education and emotional support with fun traditional camp activities. Groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained compassionate volunteers. Campers are provided a safe environment to explore their grief, learn essential coping skills, and make friends with peers who are grieving. COPE offers a parent/caregiver retreat simultaneously for adults whose campers are attending Camp Erin NYC.

WHERE IS CAMP ERIN NYC?

Camp Wayne For Girls
56 Nice People Place, Preston Park, PA 18455
(Approximately 2.5 hours from NYC)



ABOUT ERIN



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 in Everett Washington in 2002. Camp Erin has grown to become the largest network of bereavement camps in the country.

THE CRITICAL NEED



- 1 in 12 children will experience the death of a parent or sibling before age 18.
- 1 in 5 children newly bereaved by the death of a parent in 2020 experienced an accidental overdose.
- 5.6 million children in the United States will be bereaved before 18.
- Childhood bereavement has many visible and invisible risk factors, including social challenges, academic struggles, anxiety, depression and increased suicidal ideations.

CAMP ERIN NYC ALLOWS YOUTH TO...



- Share their story in a safe place.
- Process their grief in various ways.
- Remember, honor, and memorialize those who have died.
- Meet peers facing similar circumstances.
- Build a toolbox of coping skills and resources.
- Have fun

Statistics From:Cbem-national-2023.pdf. (n.d.)



COPE

The vision of Lillian Julien, COPE was founded in 1999. COPE is a non-profit grief and healing organization dedicated to helping parents and families living with the loss of a child. In 2011, COPE partnered with Eluna to establish Camp Erin NYC. Eluna is a non-profit with a mission to support children and families impacted by grief or addiction Eluna was founded in 2000 in Seattle by former MLB pitcher Jamie Moyer and child advocate Karen Phelps Moyer.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED!

The generosity of local communities ensures that Camp Erin NYC is FREE to all campers. Please consider volunteering or donating:

To **VOLUNTEER** and be a part of an incredible weekend please contact Ann Fuchs, Camp Director at AFuchs@copefoundation.org.
To **DONATE** for supplies and services please go to www.copefoundation.org