

## Welcome to Camp Good SAM

**Camp Good SAM** is an collaborative effort of Good Samaritan Hospice and YMCA Camp Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer. As a non-profit hospice founded on Christian principles, Good Samaritan Hospice has served community residents in five counties surrounding Pittsburgh since 1998 as both a home-based and residential hospice. YMCA Camp Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer, a non-profit charitable camp owned by the YMCA of Pittsburgh, has served youth as a summer camp since 1926. It has developed into a facility providing camping and conference programs to Western Pennsylvania and participants from all over the United States and around the world.

Together, Good Samaritan Hospice and YMCA Camp Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer are ministering to what is often a forgotten population – grieving children.

**Camp Good SAM** provides a safe, caring environment for children to acknowledge their grief and journey toward healing. The camp offers a special combination of fun, recreational activities and supportive discussion to help campers build trust, self-esteem and coping skills.



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#### Notice of Non-Discrimination

Camp Good SAM presented by Good Samaritan Hospice offers camping opportunities regardless of race, sex, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, or illness. Our policy of non-discrimination also covers the services we provide, referrals and employment actions.

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## WHAT IS CAMP GOOD SAM?

Camp Good SAM is an overnight camp for children ages 6 to 18 who have experienced the death of someone they love – sibling, parent, grandparent or other significant person in their lives.

## WHERE IS CAMP GOOD SAM?

Camp Good SAM is located at YMCA Camp Kon-O-Kwee/Spencer on 500 acres of fields and woodlands in Fombell, PA, 30 miles north of Pittsburgh, just west of Zelienople.

## WHAT IS THE COST OF CAMP GOOD SAM?

Thanks to community support, grants, and company sponsorships, there is only a small fee per family for Camp Good SAM.

## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CAMP GOOD SAM?

Campers must complete a camp application and participate in an interview to be sure that Camp Good SAM is the right bereavement program for them.

For applications or more information call  
**1.800.720.2557**

## HOW DOES CAMP GOOD SAM HELP?

Losing a loved one is difficult for adults. Imagine what it's like for children. Most children have never met another child who has experienced a similar loss. Camp Good SAM understands.



We believe that children deserve the opportunity to express feelings of grief in a supportive and understanding environment. Camp Good SAM provides a safe place to meet other children who understand what they are going through.

Our specially designed program includes individual and team projects, supportive discussion groups, and crafts. Facilitated by grief specialists and trained camp counselors, these activities help campers cope with their loss, find ways to channel their feelings and begin to heal.



Camp Good SAM isn't just about sharing feelings and coping with tragedy. Camp also includes fun and laughter with recreational activities like swimming, nature hikes, a zip line, climbing walls, ballgames and campfires.



## CAMP GOOD SAM CAMPERS LEARN TO...

- acknowledge the death of a loved one
- accept their grief as normal
- express feelings in a constructive way
- remember those who died
- reach out to others for help

## What do Camp Good SAM campers say about us?

Many children may be reluctant to attend a "grief" camp. Here's what some of our campers have said:

*"I had a great time!" - age 10*

*"It was awesome...much better than I expected!" - age 17*

*"Camp was really, really fun." - age 7*

*"I liked meeting other kids like me." - age 14*

*"I want to come back next year." - age 12*

