



## A Weekend Camp for Grieving Children and Teens

### About Camp Erin

Camp Erin Philadelphia is a **free**, weekend bereavement camp for youth who are grieving the death of a significant person in their lives. Children and teens ages 6 to 17 attend a weekend camp experience that combines grief education and emotional support with fun, traditional camp activities. Led by bereavement professionals and caring volunteers, campers are provided a safe environment to explore their grief, learn essential coping skills, and make friends with peers who are also grieving.

### Who Can Attend?

The Camp is open to children ages 6 to 17 who have experienced the death of someone important in their lives. In most cases, we recommend that the child not attend the Camp until at least 6 months after the death. Children from military families are especially encouraged to attend. Preference is given to new Campers. Returning Camper applications are welcome and will be placed on a waitlist.

### When Is The Camp?

Camp Erin Philadelphia runs **June 7-9, 2019**. Activities begin on Friday afternoon and end on Sunday.

### Where Is The Camp?

Camp Erin Philadelphia is held in **Montgomery County, Pennsylvania**.

### How Can I Help? Volunteer!

Complete an application at [www.pennmedicine.org/camperin](http://www.pennmedicine.org/camperin) or email us directly at [CampErin@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:CampErin@uphs.upenn.edu)

For monetary or in-kind donations, please email us at the address above or call 610-617-2486.

### How Do I Apply?

Parents or guardians must complete an application for each child who would like to attend Camp Erin Philadelphia.

Applications are accepted until all available spaces are filled. It is recommended that families apply by **March 1, 2019**.

*Note: This is a recommendation, not an official deadline.*

Campers are accepted once applications are reviewed by professional staff and it is determined that our Camp can meet the child's needs.

To apply, visit our website at [www.pennmedicine.org/camperin](http://www.pennmedicine.org/camperin), email us at [CampErin@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:CampErin@uphs.upenn.edu) or call **610-617-2471**.

### What Are The Activities?

Activities at Camp Erin Philadelphia include all the traditional fun of summer camp – Arts and Crafts, Sports, Games, and Campfires – but also consist of age-appropriate bereavement support exercises such as Remembrance Opportunities and Circle Time.

### About Eluna

Eluna is a public, 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mission to support children and families impacted by grief or addiction. Founded in 2000 in Seattle by former MLB pitcher Jamie Moyer and child advocate Karen Phelps Moyer, Eluna was originally called The Moyer Foundation and launched a series of programs supporting thousands of children and families annually at no cost to them. Camp Erin® is the largest national network of grief programs for bereaved children and teens, Camp Mariposa® is a national addiction prevention and mentoring program for youth impacted by a family member's substance use disorder, and The Eluna Resource Center offers online tools, local referrals and personalized phone and email support for families experiencing grief, addiction and other related issues. For more information, please visit [elunanetwork.org](http://elunanetwork.org).

### About Penn Medicine Hospice and The David Bradley Children's Bereavement Program

As one of the oldest hospice agencies in the Philadelphia region, Penn Medicine Hospice has been serving terminally ill adults and their families for nearly 35 years. The David Bradley Children's Bereavement Program was one of the first in the Philadelphia area to develop a specific approach to support grieving children. The program encourages a variety of forms of self-expression for children and teens ages 2-18. Services also include education for parents and caregivers to communicate effectively with their children.