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Camp Firefly Bereavement Camp For Children Seeks Volunteer Counselors

This summer, The Hospice of Moorestown VNA will present Camp Firefly at Camp Ockanickon, Medford NJ. This three-day, two-night bereavement camp will start on Saturday, August 23, and conclude on Monday, August 25.

The overnight camp is open to children ages 7-12, who have lost a parent, sibling or any special person through death and are still coping with their grief. The program will be fully funded by charitable contributions made through Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice. Qualified children from Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties will be able to attend the camp at no charge to their families.

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Campers will spend three days in a caring, nurturing environment with The Hospice of Moorestown VNA's team of grief professionals and counselors, as well as peers who have had similar experiences. Traditional camp activities such as swimming, canoeing, hiking, arts & crafts and cookouts will be combined with specialized bereavement activities designed to help the children overcome their grief and to cope with the loss of their loved one. The Hospice of Moorestown VNA is accepting applications now for campers.

The Hospice of Moorestown VNA is seeking both adult and junior volunteers to work as counselors for Camp Firefly. On site- adult counselors, age 21 and older, will work directly with the children and stay overnight at Camp Ockanickon. Additional adult counselors are needed each day to share their skills in arts & crafts, music and/or outdoor activities with the children. Junior counselors, ages 14 to 20, will provide camp support working from the offices of Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice in Moorestown. Activities for junior volunteers may include preparing camp materials and arts & crafts supplies. All volunteers will receive complete training prior to the camp. Patient support, office, fundraising, and community events volunteers are also needed. Training will be provided.

Contact the Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at (856) 552-1300 ext. 2181, by e-mail at volunteer@moorestownvna.org, or visit www.moorestownvna.org for more information.



Volunteers at Camp Firefly help grieving children cope with the death of a loved one. Camp Firefly is a program of Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice.
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