

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Hospice of Spokane Children's Grief Camp

CAMP CHMEPA

Camp Chmepa is a weekend camp for children ages 7 to 15 who are grieving the death of someone close.

When: July 25, 26 and 27, 2008 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Where: Lutherhaven on Coeur d'Alene Lake

About the camp: This is a three-day camping experience under the professional direction and supervision of Hospice of Spokane in collaboration with Hospice of North Idaho. Approximately 70 children meet others who have experienced significant loss through death of someone close. Both structured and non-structured activities help children and youth recognize they are not alone in their grief and that having fun is also part of healing. Traditional camp combined with therapeutic activities help bereaved children with the grief process.

Volunteers Needed: Upper class level or graduate students in Social Services, Psychology, Education, Counseling or related area, as well as those already working in the above fields. Volunteers are needed to be with the campers during the weekend, to engage in the activities (cabin experience, hiking, swimming, canoeing, games) and to be emotionally available for the children's grief experience.

- The camp is physically challenging for both children and staff.
- We ask that volunteers be committed to the entire three-day period of the camp as well as attending training sessions. There will be a one-day training approximately 5 hours, and several short training sessions which will take place in May, June and July.

Independent study credit or practicum hours: Student volunteers may want to arrange with University faculty for this.

If Interested: Call **Hospice of Spokane, 456-0438** for more information and an application. Ask for the **Ann Lucas** or the Bereavement Department.