



**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR CAMP STARS,  
VISITING NURSE | HOSPICE ATLANTA'S 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT CAMP FOR CHILDREN**  
*--November 6-8, 2009, at Camp Twin Lakes—*

VISITING NURSE | HOSPICE ATLANTA is now taking applications for its 16<sup>th</sup> annual bereavement camp for children. **Camp STARS** (Sharing Together As Real Support) takes place November 6-8 at Camp Twin Lakes in Rutledge, GA. Thanks to the Junior League of Atlanta and other generous donors, **Camp STARS for Children** is offered free of charge aside from a small registration fee of \$25 per child.

**Camp STARS for Children** is open to children seven years of age through high school who have experienced a loss through death before June 2009. In an atmosphere of caring and fun, they are given opportunities to share their feelings of grief with each other and with trained counselors.

"Children of all ages do grieve but in their own way," says Barbara Moore, Visiting Nurse | Hospice Atlanta's Director of Volunteer/Support Services and organizer of the camp. "They may cry one moment, then act as if nothing is wrong the next. It's difficult behavior for even the most loving parents to understand. At **Camp STARS for Children**, kids meet other children in similar situations. With the support of our trained counselors, they can grieve, have fun at their own pace and start to feel less alone."

This year's **Camp STARS for Children** will be facilitated by experienced counselors and facilitators who are trained in grief and bereavement issues. In addition, specially-trained volunteers are present throughout the weekend to listen, talk and play with the campers. Activities include field sports, arts and crafts, fishing, boating and canoeing, entertainment and group sharing.

The much-loved and well-respected **Camp STARS for Children** has served more than 1,000 children since it began in 1994. Thanks to a generous donation from The Billie S. Been Foundation, Visiting Nurse | Hospice Atlanta now offers **Camp STARS for Families** in March each year.

The deadline for registration is October 16, 2009, and attendance is limited. For information contact Barbara Moore, VISITING NURSE | HOSPICE ATLANTA, 404-869-3086, [barbara\\_moore@vnhs.org](mailto:barbara_moore@vnhs.org) or visit [www.vnhs.org](http://www.vnhs.org). Visiting Nurse | Hospice Atlanta works in partnership with Camp Twin Lakes. For more information go to [www.camptwinlakes.org](http://www.camptwinlakes.org).

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