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# CAMP CHIMAQUA



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A special weekend camping opportunity for children, ages 6-12, who are grieving the death of a loved one

## WHAT IS CAMP CHIMAQUA?

Camp Chimaqua is an overnight weekend camp for children coping with the death of a loved one. "Chimaqua" is Cherokee for "lover of the outdoors." Camp Chimaqua is named in memory of a 12-year-old boy who died in the care of Hospice of Lancaster County. Camp Chimaqua provides a therapeutic environment that is safe and accepting for children (ages 6–12) to talk with each other about their thoughts and feelings. The camp helps children explore normal grief responses and understand and express their own feelings.

## WHO IS ON THE STAFF AT CAMP CHIMAQUA?

The well-being, safety and enjoyment of your child is our primary concern. Camp Chimaqua is staffed by professional counselors and trained volunteers.

An adult buddy is paired individually with your child to provide constant companionship, support and supervision throughout the weekend.

Professional counselors provide additional support and facilitate a variety of groups aimed at helping children talk more easily about their thoughts and feelings.

A camp nurse is in residence and available 24 hours a day.

## OUR GOAL

Our focus is on helping your child learn about loss, develop coping skills, build self-confidence and learn how to trust and love again. This is achieved through fun-filled activities and opportunities for small and large group sharing.



## WHERE IS CAMP CHIMAQUA?

Camp Chimaqua is held at the YMCA Camp Shand, nestled on 120 acres of scenic woodland in southern Lebanon County, just 20 miles from downtown Lancaster.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for Camp Chimaqua is limited to 30 campers. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Because of the generous support provided by the Hospice Circle of Friends, there is no charge for Camp Chimaqua.

A registration fee of \$25 per child is requested, but financial assistance is available. Call the PATHways Center at (717) 391-2413 to obtain more information about camp registration.

## COPING KIDS

Camp Chimaqua is a part of Coping Kids, a children's bereavement program of the PATHways Center for Grief & Loss. The PATHways Center is a resource for the entire community offered by Hospice of Lancaster County.

