

Purpose

The charitable mission of Camp Odyssey is to offer financial sponsorship of bereavement camps and to provide education and support to grieving children after the death of a loved one. Camp Odyssey is sponsored by the Odyssey VistaCare Hospice Foundation at no cost to its participants. Camp activities are designed to help campers learn to deal with death and grief, now and in the future.



Empower

Camp Odyssey is a two day camp where children can learn to express grief in a healthy, safe environment. Our staff includes social workers, spiritual care coordinators, nurses, recreational therapists, bereavement specialists, and trained volunteers. The camp offers a sanctuary where kids can process their feelings and questions among children their own age with the guidance of professionals. Children will learn they are not alone in their grief as they share with others who have had similar experiences.



Ignite

Campers will be encouraged to not only reflect, but to laugh and play again. The beautiful grounds of Camp Beckwith allow children to heal through nature and a variety of fun activities. Children may choose:



- Fishing
- Swimming
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Arts and crafts
- Field games
- and much more



Illuminate

Our experienced hospice staff knows that children are often forgotten or misunderstood during their grieving process. Families may not know how to help their children, especially when the adults themselves are overwhelmed with grief. We want to support these children through



providing a foundation for growth through the grieving process.

We will also have a presentation for caregivers at the conclusion of the camp to provide ideas for communicating with and supporting children.



Camp Details

Campers will leave by bus from our office for Camp Beckwith located on Mobile Bay in Fairhope. Odyssey VistaCare Hospice

Foundation fully funds the camp, which is free of charge to all campers. Campers' families will be responsible to pick up their children at Camp Beckwith in Fairhope on Sunday.

All campers (ages 6-14) need to complete applications. For information contact Manager of Volunteer Services at our Baldwin County office at 251-621-2500 or our Mobile office 251-478-9900 or mobile_users@odsyhealth.com.

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