

## The History

Hospice of Rutherford County has helped grieving children whose family members were being served through hospice care since 1982. In 1995, Hospice of Rutherford County hosted the first annual Camp Rainbows for grieving children. A recent grant from The Moyer Foundation has enabled Hospice to expand this camp to accommodate children and teens under the name Camp Erin™.



Camp Erin, created and funded by The Moyer Foundation, is the largest nationwide network of free bereavement camps for children and teens who have experienced the death of someone close to them. Camp Erin is named in memory of the Moyers' friend, Erin Metcalf, who was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 15 and died two years later.

For information about The Moyer Foundation, visit [www.moyerfoundation.org](http://www.moyerfoundation.org).

### JOIN US AT CAMP ERIN OF THE CAROLINAS 2017!

To request one or more applications to this year's camp, please complete the following information and mail to:

Hospice of Rutherford County, Attn: Camp Erin, 374 Hudlow Road, Forest City, NC 28043

Camper(s) name and age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of deceased to camper(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that space is limited, and campers are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Preference is given to campers who have not attended Camp Erin before.



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[www.hospiceofrutherford.org](http://www.hospiceofrutherford.org)



A Grief Support Camp for  
Kids & Teens

November 10 - 12, 2017





## WHAT IS CAMP ERIN?

Camp Erin™, the largest bereavement camp in the country, is designed for children and teens ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of someone close to them. It is a weekend-long experience filled with fun and traditional camp activities combined with grief education and emotional support -- led by grief professionals from Hospice of Rutherford County and trained volunteers. Camp Erin provides a unique opportunity for peer bonding between children and teens facing a similar life circumstance. Camp Erin is offered free to all families throughout the Carolinas and neighboring communities.



## HOW DOES A GRIEVING CHILD OR TEEN BENEFIT FROM CAMP ERIN?

- Camp Erin allows a grieving child or teen to be with other children or teens who share similar feelings. It is such a relief for them to know that they are not alone.
- Camp Erin shows children and teens that what they are experiencing, although painful, is perfectly normal.
- Through a variety of activities including drama, arts and crafts, creative writing and physical activities, children and teens have the opportunity to “get their feelings out” while memorializing their loved one.



## WHEN?

November 10-12, 2017

## WHERE?

South Mountain Christian Camp  
Bostic, NC

## HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD OR TEEN?

To request an application, please refer to the back of this brochure. For more information about Camp Erin, including ways you can help, contact Cy Miller at Hospice of Rutherford County at (828)245-0095 or 1-800-218-CARE.

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Camp Erin. Volunteers can assist with pre-camp set up and post-camp clean up, welcoming the campers, planning and monitoring camp activities, accompanying campers on their grief journey and much more. For more information and to request a volunteer application, call us today!

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A beautiful setting
- Peer support
- Professional grief counselors
- Trained volunteers
- Outdoor activities
- Team building
- Safe environment
- Offered free to all families

