



Camp To Belong—Georgia Newsletter

"Just know, I'll always love you no matter what happens. No matter how much distance there is between us. I love you forever and always."
 - 2018 Camp To Belong—Georgia camper

SEPARATED BY DISTANCE, JOINED BY LOVE

From June 3-8, 2018 Camp Twin Lakes in Warm Springs, Georgia was “home” to 68 brothers and sisters from 24 families, all with at least one thing in common — separation from one or more of their siblings in foster care or other out of home care.

Led and encouraged by over 60 volunteers, the theme for the week was *Finding Your Sound*. Campers were introduced to characters representing jazz, hip hop, classical, rock and pop music—each character needed help in discovering more about themselves, with “finding their own unique sound”. Throughout the week, obstacles as well as core values of equality, courage, inspiration, respect and determination were used to help our characters as well as campers to find their own sound. Campers, together with their siblings, were encouraged to step out of their comfort zones to create their unique sound; at the same time learning to respect and cherish the differences among their siblings and peers to realize that we each have our own sound—different yet equally good!

OUR MISSION

Reuniting brothers and sisters placed in separate foster homes and other out of home care, creating a lifetime of shared memories through the summer camp experience and other sibling connection events.



"I love Camp To Belong—Georgia because I FINALLY get to see you!."

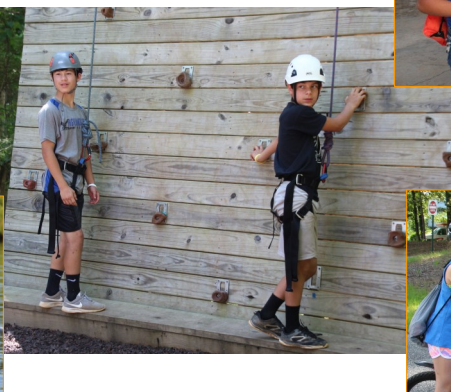
"I learned so much about my brother this week. He is starting to get older and we have so much in common!"



CAMP TO BELONG—GEORGIA

JUNE 3-8, 2018

31 volunteer counselors +
8 volunteer camp leaders +
3 volunteer nurses +
1 volunteer photographer =
5,160 hours of laughter, tears, hugs, rivalry and...sibling connection



"From the moment they walked off the bus, I captured hidden smiles through their eyes, their actual smiles and the looks they gave their siblings"

Camp Photographer

These little moments in time provide memories to cherish for a lifetime...

Chris and Summer: 2012-2018



"My sister changes every year when I see her at camp. But one thing will never change is that you're my sister. I love you! You have grown into a beautiful, special, amazing, young girl. You are my everything, my other half, you are my sister and I love you!."



"I love to be with my siblings at camp. I wish I could stay with my siblings all of the time".



"It was so much fun getting to know you at camp. I will stand up for you. I'm glad that we're brothers."



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Summer Camp 2019
DATES TBA
Camp Twin Lakes, Warm Springs, GA

In addition to our Summer Camp Program, we connect separated siblings through year-round Sibling Connection Events. These events can be as small as one sibling group or larger depending on need and include a fun outing for the group supervised by CTB-GA counselors or board members. Please contact us to learn more about this opportunity!

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