

# CAMP TO BELONG—GEORGIA

JUNE 16-21, 2019



*“Camp To Belong is our thing, it’s what keeps us together. Camp To Belong is what made us strong.”*



Sibling relationships are emotionally powerful and critically important in childhood and over the course of a lifetime. From June 16-21, 2019, Camp Twin Lakes in Warm Springs, Georgia was “home” to 80 brothers and sisters from 27 Georgia families, all with 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, campers experienced many traditional camp activities such as canoeing, bike riding, archery, rock-wall climbing and swimming as well as specialized events and activities such as the Sibling Birthday Party, Sibling Pillows & Blankets, Life Empowerment Seminar, Scrapbooks, Carnival and Inspiration Night. Each of these events and

activities provided a unique opportunity for the siblings to spend meaningful time together. Most siblings take for granted the opportunity to share meals, play games and say goodnight each day. The kids we serve cherish these small moments they do not always have in their current home. Camp To Belong—Georgia serves every child’s inherent need to know their family. The need to connect. To make memories. To Belong. Take a look inside for the “remember when’s” of Camp To Belong—Georgia 2019. The events and activities that created special memories to serve as the building blocks of relationships.



## OUR MISSION

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

*“I just want to thank Camp To Belong because I really miss my sister and I just want her to come home, being here makes me feel like we are home.”*





## Birthday Party

The party serves to make up for missed opportunities to celebrate important life occasions together. Siblings choose gifts for one another from a “shop” of donated/pre-purchased gifts and create cards for their brother or sister.

Wednesday evening is dedicated to a camp-wide birthday party where sibling groups celebrate with individual birthday cakes and gift exchanges.



## Sibling Pillows and Blankets

Siblings create and exchange pillows or blankets with personal messages to provide a take-home keepsake! Siblings can present their gift and message in front of the camp if they choose to share!

**“It’s hard not to see my sister and two brothers. I want to tell my siblings that I love all of you even if we do fight like cats over a piece of cheese”.**



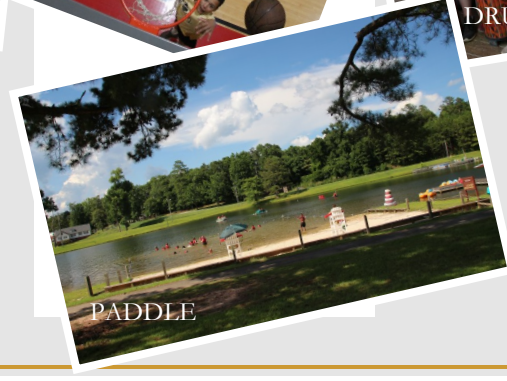
## Scrapbooks

Campers are provided a scrapbook, materials and printed photos of their week at camp. They create a visual book of their experiences and memories to take home. Books also include a space to write messages to one another. For some this may be the first pictures they have with siblings.





## Traditional Camp Activities



## Games

From Carnival games to Color Wars—these games provide opportunities for laughs, spirited competition among sibling groups and just a chance to be a kid!



"We've been in foster care since we were little and it is hard not to be together. It isn't fair. I can't even kiss them goodnight. I'll come back here every year to be with them".

## SIBLING CONNECTIONS





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Swing for Siblings Golf Tournament  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH  
Chateau Elan, Braselton, GA**

*Players will enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and golf at one of Georgia's top courses. Opportunities are also available to become a sponsor. Check our website at [www.camptobelong-ga.org](http://www.camptobelong-ga.org) for details!*

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