

Camp to Belong-Georgia 2023 Summer Report



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Summer Camp!!

120 Hours Together at Camp



Think back to the summer vacations of your childhood...sleeping in until noon, watching television, sweating through the hot days and nights...and arguing with your brothers or sisters about who woke you up, who got to pick the tv show, and who had gotten on your last nerve! For the children and young adults who attend our Summer Camp, those arguments and conflicts are not a burden, but a gift. July 9-14th of this summer, 49 separated brothers and sisters came together to make memories that were made up of the highs and lows that come with being together. Everyday things, like eating



Siblings pose for their "Birthday" picture as they come into the birthday party.

a meal together, saying "goodnight" at the end of an activity-packed day, or even getting into an argument over who gets to go first, were gifts to siblings who don't get to do these things together on a regular basis.

We were blessed to be hosted at Camp Twin Lake's newest camp location and the beauty of the new buildings and the nature around it created the perfect environment for brothers and sisters to focus on their relationship and create new memories that can't be taken away from them. We thank all of our wonderful donors who made our Birthday Party even more special by sponsoring birthday gifts and supplies. Brothers and sisters were able to go home with a gift especially chosen for them by their brother or sister, along with the other special items they made for each other.



Campers had the opportunity to try many new activities together at Camp Twin Lakes. They climbed rock walls, rode horses, and participated in sports like archery and basketball.

"I love you so much. I know that things haven't been the best right now, but things will get better! You are such a strong girl! I miss you all the time. You are the best sister anyone could ask for and I'm SO happy we were able to come to this camp together!"
2023 Camper



The Green group campers and volunteers getting ready for Color Wars!



Campers Served this Year



Campers make scrapbooks at the end of their week of camp together. Volunteers take pictures of their time together at camp, and the photos are printed out for their scrapbooks. During virtual camps in 2020, we offered a scavenger hunt as a possible activity. Campers were asked to grab an item that reminded them of camp. So many campers quickly came back with their scrapbooks filled with photos of their past weeks at camp together.



*I love my sister, I miss my sister, I care for my sister! Family Forever!
2023 Camper*

Join us for our upcoming fundraisers!

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 1

Camp Twin Lakes Spin for Kids

Bike ride at Camp Twin Lakes OR....ride from home!!!! Check out our website for more details on how to ride or sponsor a rider!!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Mike Stevenson Memorial Golf Tournament

Engineering Systems, Inc. (ESI) presents our annual golf tournament at Bear's Best Atlanta (to benefit CTB-GA). Players will honor the memory of former Board Chair and ESI CEO Mike Stevenson while enjoying an afternoon of fun, food and golf at one of Georgia's top courses. Opportunities are available to become a sponsor or volunteer at the event. Players can purchase raffle tickets for a variety of great prizes!

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Separated siblings
and their family
members served at
Spring and Fall Day
Camps

49

Siblings at
Overnight Summer
Camp

5011

HOURS

served by
volunteers



How can you be involved?

VOLUNTEER

It's not too late to sign up to volunteer for our Holiday Winter Camp. Visit our website to complete or update an application! Volunteers can stay for the weekend or come as day volunteers.



COMPLETE A CAMPER APPLICATION

Do you know any siblings separated by foster care, divorce, or other life circumstances? We want to serve ALL separated siblings, no matter the reason.

Holiday Family Camp is November 3-5th! Campers will attend camp with their families and make memories with their separated siblings! There are many ways to be involved with this event.

MONTHLY OR ROUND-UP DONATION

We would love to have you serve at an event, but if that is not possible, we would love your support for this event, and our 2024 programming with Overnight Summer Camp AND Year-round Sibling Connections Events.

SUPPLY OR GIFT DRIVE

We always look to partner with groups to help us gather our supplies for each of our events. A webpage will be created for a supply drive to create a visual inventory for the people in your organization/group to choose from! Supplies and gifts for our birthday and holiday parties can be collected, as well as toiletries, craft supplies, and other seasonal items.



Thank you 2023 sponsors!!

- **ESI- Annual Mike Stevenson Memorial Golf Tournament**
- **Golf Tournament Sponsors**
- **Alan Redding**
- **Camp Twin Lakes Spin for Kids**
- **Atlanta Rotary Club Youth Services Fund**
- **John and Mary Franklin Foundation**
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- **The Kirby Smart Family Foundation, a donor advised fund administered by the Athens Area Community Foundation**

And a BIG thank you to the families, case managers and volunteers who make our events possible!!