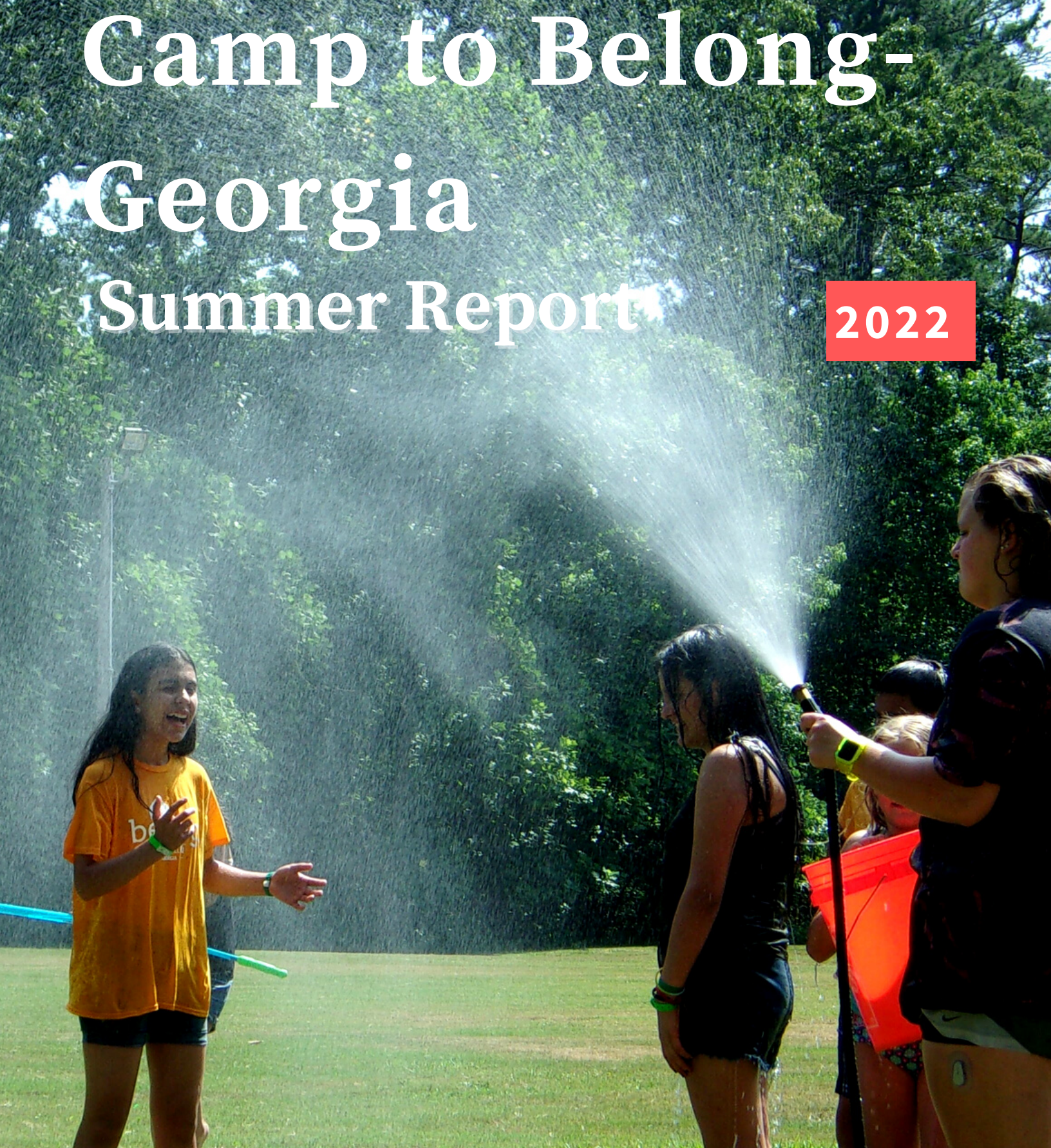


Camp to Belong- Georgia Summer Report

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Connecting Siblings... At Summer Camp Again!



Making Memories!

"I wish you could understand how much you mean to me. You are always there in your own way. Even though we disagree a lot, I still care!" - 2022 Camper

After three years without overnight summer camp, 44 campers and 25 volunteers spent a week at Camp Twin Lakes June 19-24th. Brothers and sisters got to eat meals together, tell each other goodnight and make memories together for a lifetime! While we faced our fair share of challenges at a new camp location, with many new campers and volunteers all learning the ropes, siblings left with more than just the pillow they made for each other and

their scrapbooks filled with pictures of all the activities of the week-- they left knowing how loved they were by their brothers and sisters. The week included happy times swimming in the pool together, sad times as they got back on the bus that would take them back to their separate homes, and every emotion in between. How happy we are that summer camp will not be the last time that our campers can come together this year. Holiday gifts are being chosen and camp activities and crafts are in the works for our Holiday Weekend Camp, November 18-20. Thanks to the generosity of the many foundations and individuals who supported both our summer and weekend camp, we are on our way to serving our campers for another 15 years in traditional and innovative ways!



Siblings joined together for our Sibling Birthday Party. Siblings chose gifts for each other before camp that were wrapped and delivered along with individually decorated cakes with each sibling's name. We sang happy birthday to our campers, and campers opened up their gifts from each other. More than one sibling set chose the same gifts for each other! Even apart, they are alike in many ways!

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



Volunteers encourage campers in these new activities and join in with them during the week.

Campers Served this Year



Campers made gifts for their separated siblings. In the first year, campers make a pillow with a message for their sibling. One set of siblings have been at camp for six years and made a special craft for each other.



Join us for our upcoming fundraisers!

It's that time again!!! Join us in some fun events that also raise money for our separated siblings!! Look on our website for more details: www.camptobelong-ga.org

- *Sunday, October 2- 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 7- Engineering Systems, Inc. (ESI) presents the Mike Stevenson Memorial 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 also purchase raffle tickets for a variety of great prizes!*

33

Times children served at Spring Day Camps



44

Children at Overnight Summer Camp



4077

HOURS served by volunteers

"Be yourself, because being you is beautiful to others!" 2022 Camper

How can you be involved?



Winter Holiday Family Camp is November 18-20! Campers will attend camp with their families and make memories with their separated siblings!

- We now have **MONTHLY OR ROUND-UP DONATION** options on our website. 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 2023 programming with Overnight Summer Camp AND Year-round Sibling Connections Events.
- 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. **COMPLETE A CAMPER APPLICATION** on our website.
- Hold a **SUPPLY OR GIFT DRIVE** for our Holiday Party Weekend Camp- a webpage will be created for your drive to create a visual inventory for people to choose from! Campers are choosing gifts for their siblings and you can sponsor the gifts for a sibling set!!
- It's not too late to sign up to **VOLUNTEER** for our Holiday Winter Camps. Visit our website to complete or update an application!

***THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE EXPANSION
OF OUR PROGRAMMING!!***



A big thank you to our 2022 supporters

- ESI- Annual Mike Stevenson Memorial Golf Tournament
- Golf Tournament Sponsors
- Alan Redding
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