

## History of Camp Erin

Camp Erin is named in memory of Erin Metcalf, who developed liver cancer at the age of 15.

Karen and Jamie Moyer, founders of The Moyer Foundation, met Erin during Spring Training in 1998, and they developed a special friendship with Erin and her family.

In June of 2000, when Erin died at the age of 17, the Moyers wished to honor Erin's memory and her caring spirit.

Because Erin had such a desire to help other children, the Moyers felt that a grief camp for children would be an appropriate tribute to her.



THE **MOYER** FOUNDATION

The Moyer Foundation was established in July 2000 by Major League All-Star pitcher Jamie Moyer and his wife, Karen.

The Foundation's mission is to provide comfort and support to children and families enduring a time of profound physical, emotional or financial distress.

## How Can I Help Camp Erin?

Camp Erin is supported by grants and donations from people who share a common interest in providing support for grieving children and teens.

Your individual contribution of money, supplies and/or time will be most welcome.

### For more information on how you may help

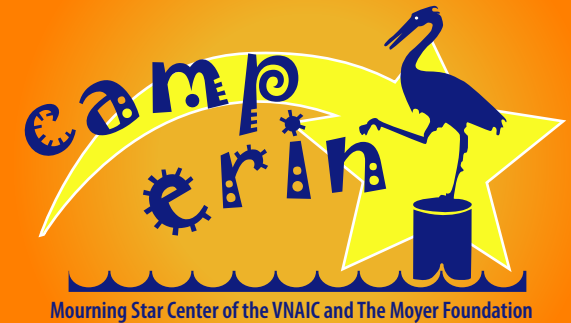
Contact Doug Morin, Director of Fund Development, at (760) 773-6261 or Pamela Gabbay, Camp Director, at (760) 836-0360.

Camp Erin is operated by The Mourning Star Center of the VNAIC, a tax-exempt, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Watch a video of highlights from previous Camp Erins on [www.mourningstar.org](http://www.mourningstar.org)

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*"...because no child should grieve alone."  
~ Karen Moyer*



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## What is Camp Erin?

Camp Erin is a weekend, overnight camp for children who have experienced the death of a loved one.

It is a traditional, fun, high-energy camp combined with grief education and emotional support.

## How much does it cost?

Through an initial grant from The Moyer Foundation, generous donations from the community and volunteers, Camp Erin is FREE to all campers.



## Who can attend?

Camp Erin is open to children and teens, ages 6 to 17, who have experienced the death of a loved one.

## The Goal of Camp Erin

The goal of Camp Erin is to provide a supportive and caring environment for children and teens affected by the loss of a loved one. Fun, recreational activities are designed to help campers deal with their grief and develop coping skills.

Children grieve in many ways. They require physical activity as well as emotional outlets.

Camp Erin provides a safe place where children can grieve with others who have been through a similar experience.



## Children Grieve, Too.

## What activities are offered?

Paddle boats	Luminaries
Swimming	Music
Canoeing	Sports
Skits	Arts and Crafts
Sharing	Storytelling

## When is it?

July 23-25, 2010. Activities begin Friday afternoon and end Sunday afternoon.

## Where is it?

Cedar Lake Camp in Big Bear, CA



## Who provides bereavement care

Camp Erin is staffed by professional grief counselors from The Mourning Star Centers of the VNAIC as well as trained community volunteers.