

# HELPING CHILDREN WITH LIFE AFTER LOSS AUGUST 4 – 6, 2023

Camp Cocoon is a camp for children ages 6 to 16 who have experienced the loss of a loved one.



Participating in Camp Cocoon allows children to meet other young people who are going through similar circumstances. Campers have the opportunity to learn coping skills and share stories in a safe, caring and fun environment

## How Camp Cocoon helps kids (and families!)

We are never prepared for the death of a loved one, even when the death follows a long and serious illness. No matter the circumstances of loss, there is always sadness, heartache, and emptiness. In their own way, children feel the loss as much as adults; they often feel they are all alone, different from their peers, and that no one can understand how they feel. Some may feel hopeless; others may deny the loss or even believe that the loved one will somehow return.

Camp Cocoon is a place where these feelings can be addressed. Surrounded by other children who have had similar experiences, their "differentness" begins to fade away. The campers are embraced by love, compassion, and understanding, where healing through play and activity benefits the grieving process.

#### **Activities include:**

- Arts and crafts
- Sports and games
- Team building
- Traditional camp activities
- Opportunities to share and reflect
- Live butterfly release and closing ceremony





#### **Our History**

Camp Cocoon is a children's outreach program of PruittHealth. The first camp was held in August 2003. Funding for this camp is supplied through memorials received from PruittHealth Hospice agencies around the Southeast, as well as donations from the local community and PruittHealth employee partners.

### **Camp Staff**

The camp staff is made up of volunteers, primarily from PruittHealth, PruittHealth Hospice and PruittCares Foundation, including nurses, social workers, chaplains, bereavement coordinators and others who feel strongly about this important work.



### What is the PruittCares Foundation?

The PruittCares Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization operating in the four states served by PruittHealth.

#### **Our Vision**

Patients, families, and partners are supported by a loving, giving, Christian environment.

#### **Our Mission**

Provide funding for and engage employee partners in crisis support, spiritual support, and workforce investments.



## What do campers say about Camp Cocoon?

"I really like Camp Cocoon because I can be who I am and not worry about anything." - Tonya

"It's fun at Camp Cocoon!" - Marshay

## What do volunteers say about Camp Cocoon?

"What I loved about Camp Cocoon was watching the children interact as they made new friends and felt comfortable expressing their feelings."





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