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Grief relief for children

Camp Caring, a bereavement camp for children sponsored by Hospice Caring Inc. in Gaithersburg is taking applications for this year's session.

The sleep away camp, which runs May 29-31, brings 25 children each year to a 300-acre retreat on Maryland's South Mountain for a camp experience designed to bring comfort and support following the death of

someone they love. The camp is free and offered to children ages 8 to 12.

Each camper will have an adult Big Buddy who gives support, listens – any time of day or night, even in the middle of the night, said **Donna Mowry**, camp coordinator. Campers participate in games and activities designed to foster trust and a way of coping with loss. Trained volunteers lead support groups where children share thoughts and feelings – and learn they are not alone.

To support Camp Caring or register a child, call Donna Mowry at 301-990-8904.