

CAMP HOPE

The Camp HOPE America Mission is to help children ages 7-12 in our community who have been exposed to violence find pathways to HOPE and healing.

Camp HOPE includes Pathways, a year-round program with monthly activities and group mentorship, and a weeklong overnight camp experience.

In this program, we praise campers for the person they are becoming; seeing their character for who they are and believing what they can accomplish. The goal is to create an atmosphere where youth can feel safe, seen, heard, encouraged, and cared for.



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Camp Hope Henderson County



SUMMER CAMP

A part of Camp HOPE is a week-long overnight camp experience.

Campers are challenged to step outside of their comfort zone and accomplish an activity they haven't had the opportunity to do before, in order to overcome their fears.

Throughout the course of a week at camp, campers can participate in a variety of activities including:

- swimming
- field games
- hiking
- arts and crafts
- campfires

Each day, campers read about real people, not much older than they are, who have overcome adversity, abuse, and other real-life challenges to show them they are not alone, and that their past does not define their future.

Want to volunteer?

Contact us to get started on the volunteer application and background check process

PATHWAYS

The year-round piece of Camp HOPE is Pathways. A monthly group mentorship program with activities for our participants. These are held throughout the year and are varied, ranging from team building activities to family events.

Pathways aims to create a safe and nurturing community for not only the youth involved, but also their families.

Year-round programming involving mentors for children matters. A caring and trusting adult outside of the family plays a huge role in the development of a child's hope and resiliency. Children with mentors are:

- 55% more likely to enroll in college
- 130% more likely to hold leadership positions
- 78% more likely to volunteer regularly
- 90% become interested in being a mentor for others

Want to make a referral?

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FREQUENTLY ASKED CAMP QUESTIONS

What age children can participate?

Children ages 7-12 can enroll.

How much is camp?

There is no cost for children.

With the help of generous donors, supporters, and donations, Safelight is able to cover the cost of camp and pathways.

Can my child participate just in summer camp and not Pathways?

The combination of an overnight camp experience and Pathways events is what makes Camp HOPE so special. Pathways plays an integral role in helping get campers ready for summer camp, while also building community, increasing self-esteem, and teaching coping skills.

Is every child in the program guaranteed a spot at summer camp?

Space is limited and not every child is ready for a week of overnight camp. Safelight's Hope leaders will meet with each family to discuss what is best for their child.

What do I bring to camp?

A packing list will be provided. Safelight assists with items not currently owned by your household.