

**Who can attend?** Camp Kesem serves children who have lost a parent to cancer, have a parent undergoing cancer treatment, or whose parent is a cancer survivor – an estimated population of over 5 million children in the United States.

**What age children attend camp?** Camp Kesem serves children ages 6 to 18.

**How long are the camps?** The camps are typically one week in length.

**How much does camp cost?**

Camp Kesem is completely free of charge to all children who attend.

**Who runs the camps?** Our camps are staffed by highly trained college student leaders. These young men and women are carefully screened through a competitive interview process, and undergo extensive training prior to camp. In addition, our student leaders work year-round to raise funds, conduct outreach in their communities, and plan the programming necessary to make camp a truly unique and unforgettable experience. Each camp is also staffed with nursing and mental health professionals.

**80%**

of our student leaders have been impacted by cancer – making them empathetic and relatable role models.

**100%**

of our student leaders undergo extensive training on how to create an environment where children feel safe, loved, and respected.

**96%**

of parents intend to send their child **back to Kesem** each year

**Can children return to Camp Kesem more than once?** Yes! Kesem campers are part of our family for life. Our campers love the bonds they form with friends who return year after year.

**Does Camp Kesem provide therapy?** No. Our student leaders provide a warm and loving environment where children are free to share their feelings with one another. Our model focuses on providing a strong peer-based support network where children can find strength, hope, compassion and fun.

**Where do I find a local camp?**

Visit [kesem.org/find-a-camp](http://kesem.org/find-a-camp).

**How do I apply?** Applications open in January of each year, and are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. All applications are submitted online at [kesem.org/camper-application](http://kesem.org/camper-application).



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[kesem.org](http://kesem.org)

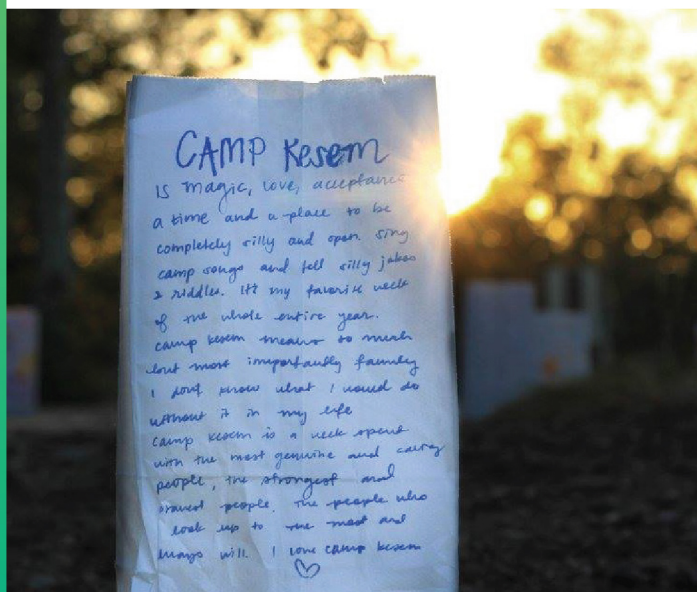
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Camp Kesem is a program offered by Kesem, a nationwide nonprofit organization that supports children impacted by a parent's cancer.



Kesem's mission of supporting children through and beyond a parent's cancer, and our vision of ensuring that every child impacted by a parent's cancer is never alone, can only be realized through an ongoing, steadfast commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in every part of our organization.



**camp kesem.**

*A child's friend through and beyond a parent's cancer.*







Camp Kesem is a nationwide community, driven by passionate college student leaders, that supports children through and beyond their parent's cancer.

A program of Kesem, Camp Kesem operates over 100 free summer camps in 42 states for children ages 6 to 18 who have been impacted by a parent's cancer.



**97%**  
of parents believe that Camp Kesem had a **positive** impact on their family.



when a child needs support the most **KESEM IS THERE**

how does a parent's cancer  
**IMPACT A CHILD?**

- ISOLATION from peers
- LOW academic performance
- LOSS OF social interest
- TAKING ON adult roles

**CAMP KESEM**  
HAS BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE  
**ONE OF THE GREATEST EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE**

– Camp Kesem Camper



**5,000+**

COLLEGE STUDENT LEADERS  
involved with kesem

**116** kesem  
chapters  
in 42 states

A CHILD'S **IMPROVEMENT** AFTER KESEM

Increased Communication Skills

Increased Confidence & Self-Esteem

Increased Community-Based Support

*\*As reported by parent surveys*



“Camp Kesem is the only safe place where my child can share their experience of loss and grief with other kids who can relate to their feelings.”

–Camp Kesem Parent