



... at Camp Kesem they will learn that they don't have to navigate by themselves.

Camp Kesem is full of new adventures and new friends, who can help smooth the waters.



CAMP KESEM NC HIGHLIGHTS ...

A free one-week sleep-away camp for children of cancer patients.

Follow-up activities throughout the year, to keep your child connected

Camp is open to children ages 6 to 16.

High Adventure program for teens.

Staffed by Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill students.

Professional health services on-site at all times.

Wide range of activities, from crafts to water sports.

2009 Camp Details

Date: Monday, August 10 — Sunday, August 16

Cost: Camp is provided free of charge.*

Transportation: Drop-off and pick-up will be held at the Keyauwee Program Center. Please notify us if other transportation must be arranged.

Camper Application: Applications can be found at your local health care provider's office and on-line at www.CampKesem.org/northcarolina.

All qualified campers are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis (exceptions may be made to fill cabin needs).

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

Camp Kesem NC
Box 99525
Durham, NC 27708

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Website: www.campkesem.org/northcarolina

E-mail: northcarolina@campkesem.org

Phone: 919-462-1301

Camp Kesem NC works in collaboration with the **Duke Cancer Patient Support Program** and its counselors. To contact DCPSP, call 919-684-4497.

*In order to ensure camper retention, we are asking for a \$20 application fee per family. If this fee poses a financial difficulty for your family, please contact us as families may qualify for a fee waiver.

We look forward to seeing your child at Camp Kesem NC next year!

Camp Kesem 2008

The summer is over but the fun will continue all year!



CAMP KESEM . . . CUZ IT'S FUN!



Kids in the families of cancer patients can feel that they have to paddle through tough times alone ...

What is Camp Kesem?



Camp Kesem North Carolina is a free seven day sleep-away camp for the children of cancer patients. This unique camp offers a playful, nurturing environment that allows children to form bonds with peers who share similar experiences. At Camp Kesem we focus on fun and aim to give your child the best week possible.

Camp Kesem NC is held at the Keyauwee Program Center in Sophia, North Carolina, located near High Point. The beautiful campsite features a climbing wall, a swimming pool, a lake for boating and fishing, a sports court, hiking trails, a challenge course and an archery range. Camp is open to children ages 6–16. Campers stay in single-sex cabin groups with a 3:1 camper to counselor ratio and they participate in programming with children their own age.



Camp Kesem also holds reunions throughout the year, helping children keep in contact with new friends that they make during camp.

Who staffs Camp Kesem?



Camp Kesem is staffed by student volunteers from Duke University and UNC–Chapel Hill. These students work together to serve as Camp Kesem’s counselors and administrators. Each of the student volunteers is carefully screened by

the camp leaders and receives training from the Duke Cancer Patient Support Program and UNC Hospital to understand the special needs of our campers.

Additionally, Camp Kesem is staffed by



professional support counselors and licensed healthcare team members from the Duke University Medical Center and the UNC Healthcare System. The Keyauwee Program Center staff facilitates the camp activities to ensure the safety of all participants.



What is the High Adventure Program?

The High Adventure Program (HAP) provides an opportunity for our 14 to 16-year old campers to form a tight-knit group with others their own age. The HAP campers and counselors stay in an area of Keyauwee separate from the rest of camp, giving them the chance to engage in team-building activities. In addition to traditional camp activities, HAP’s unique programming includes camping overnight, completing a service project, and participating in activities designed to develop leadership skills.

What are PARENTS saying about Camp Kesem?

(Excerpted from actual end-of-camp parent questionnaires)

I was glad that for one week at Camp Kesem my kids could be around other kids in the same boat.

I trust the Camp Kesem staff to provide a safe, fun week for my child. That means I can relax and not worry about her.

What are CAMPERS saying about Camp Kesem?

Camp Kesem was so hard to leave this year because of all of the friends I made. I came home and my cheeks were sore from smiling so much. (13 year old camper)

Camp Kesem is more than just a camp . . . it’s a time to laugh, smile, cry and share each others’ deepest fears. When I think of Camp Kesem, I couldn’t describe it better than a place of true joy and love and friendships to remember forever. (15 year old camper)



COLOR WARS . . .

a big part of the Camp Kesem experience.

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