



Frequently Asked Questions

q: What is Camp To Belong Georgia?

a: Camp to Belong Georgia is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to reunite siblings placed in separate foster homes or other out-of-home care for events that promote their social and emotional development in spite of their difficult circumstances, teach them to have a positive outlook, encourage them to have fun and give them the opportunity to reconnect and bond with their siblings. Camp To Belong Georgia's signature program is a week-long summer camp for siblings separated by foster care.

q: How did Camp to Belong get started nationally? How successful has Camp To Belong been?

a: Camp to Belong was founded in Las Vegas, NV, in 1995 by Lynn Price. Lynn, who did not even know she had a sister until she was 8 and then lived separately from her as a foster child, realized that thousands of other children around the world miss out on the sibling bonding experience, just like she did. Currently, Camp To Belong hosts camp for siblings in care from Australia, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, Washington and the Northwest.

q: Why was Camp To Belong Georgia created?

a: Over 400,000 children in the US are in the foster care system, over 7,000 of them in Georgia alone. 50% of these kids are separated from at least one sibling.

q: Where is Camp To Belong Georgia held?

a: Camp to Belong Georgia is held at Camp Twin Lakes in Warm Springs, Georgia.

q: How many campers will attend? How much does it cost each camper?

a: Nearly 60 children from across the state attended CTB-GA's camp at Camp Twin Lakes in Warm Springs, Georgia in July 2012. The fee for each camper is \$800.00, but campers are not responsible for this fee. CTB-GA covers the cost of campers' attendance through the generous support of its donors and sponsors.

q: What happens at camp?

a: Brothers and sisters in care come together in a safe, nurturing, week-long summer camp environment where they can create childhood memories together. Each camp provides programming designed to strengthen brothers and sisters' ties. These programs include Art Expression, Sibling Enhancement, and the Life Seminar Program. Rather than being grouped by age, CTB groups campers by family so that siblings spend the most time together possible, participating in activities that will foster relationship-building.





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q: What is the Life Seminar Program?

a: Campers, 14 years and older, are given the opportunity to participate in the Life Seminar Program. This program is designed to support teenagers in foster care as they approach their emancipation from the foster system and educates them about life choices available after high school.

College counselors, career planners, military recruiters and representatives from service organizations present the teen campers with information on different paths available after high school. Often, this is the first time they have been presented with this information and marks the beginning of their dream of higher education. The program emphasizes pride and excellence, discussing such skills for successful adult living as conflict resolution, anger management, diversity tolerance and relationship-building.



q: Where does Camp To Belong Georgia get its support?

a: Camp To Belong Georgia is an affiliate of the international Camp To Belong organization. As such, Lynn Price, Founder & CEO, of Camp To Belong as well as other experienced counselors offer their expert advice on executing Georgia's annual camp successfully. Camp To Belong Georgia has a strategic partnership with Camp Twin Lakes, a nonprofit that provides its facilities for the use of camps for children facing serious illnesses and other physical and emotional life challenges. Camp to Belong also cultivates relationships with local and national partners, who contribute monetary and in-kind donations.

q: How do you find counselors? How many counselors participate in camp?

a: Counselors from all walks of life volunteer to serve at camp. They are social workers, nurses, retirees and other professionals with a love for children, who want to give of their own time to better the life of the campers. For every 2 campers, CTB-GA recruits one counselor to become a part of their camp family.

q: How can I get involved?

a: There are many ways to get involved: through monetary donations, in-kind donations or volunteer work. In order to guarantee that camp is free for all participating children, CTB-GA is working hard to raise funds that will cover the cost of camp operations. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Melody Akaraskul, Director of Volunteer Recruitment at makaraskul@gmail.com.

q: How do I learn more?

a: To learn more about CTB-GA, visit our Web site at www.camptobelong-ga.org or contact Traci Bensley, Executive Director, at (678) 521-7670 or info@camptobelong-ga.org.

