

The Camp Kesem IMPACT

Over
90,000
children supported

Engaging
5,000+
student volunteers
each year

With
99%
of families
recommending
Camp Kesem

Resulting in
200,000+
lives impacted
by Kesem



"Kesem to me means family, it means home.
I know that the family I've made through Kesem will be one that lasts through my lifetime and I am so grateful this positive thing came out of my moms cancer."

—Kesem Camper

Join Our
Community



Registration for Camp Kesem opens in January and is processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit kesem.org to register or sign up for updates.



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



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**Free, overnight
summer camp for
children impacted
by a parent's
cancer, ages 6-18.**

MORE THAN 5 MILLION CHILDREN IN THE U.S. HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY A PARENT'S CANCER.

They often face anxiety, grief, and isolation, sometimes even taking on adult caregiver roles.



That's Where Camp Kesem Comes In.

At Kesem, we believe every child impacted by a parent's cancer deserves the chance to just be a kid—surrounded by peers who understand and mentors who care.

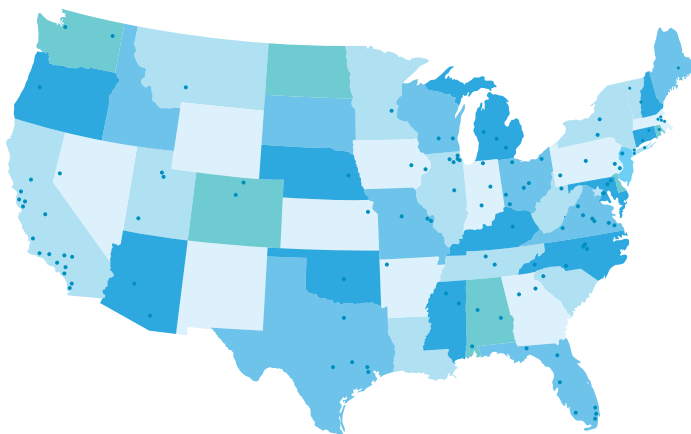
At camp, kids have fun and build connections with each other and counselors who are highly compassionate and trained to support their needs.

*"We are so grateful to Kesem. There was a part of my child's **healing** that didn't begin until Kesem."*

—Kesem Parent

125+

CAMP KESEM SESSIONS PER YEAR THROUGH 116 COLLEGE-BASED CHAPTERS NATIONWIDE...



...Powered by empathetic and passionate college student leaders from all identities and backgrounds

...Running programs at camp that help kids build friendships, gain confidence, and connect with others who "get it"—all in a safe, fun environment



...Helping children to find their voice and build resilience and a sense of belonging that comes with an enduring community that lasts through and beyond a parent's cancer.



WHO CAN ATTEND? Camp Kesem serves children ages 6-18 whose parent or guardian is currently facing cancer, is in remission, or has passed away from cancer.

HOW LONG IS CAMP KESEM? Camp lasts for about one week in the summer, although the number of days varies between camp locations.

HOW MUCH DOES CAMP KESEM COST? Camp Kesem is completely **free** to all children who attend, thanks to the generous donations of our supporters.

WHO RUNS THE CAMPS? Our camps are staffed by highly trained college student leaders who are carefully screened through a competitive interview process. In addition, each camp has onsite Health & Wellness professionals such as nurses and mental health support staff.

CAN CHILDREN RETURN TO CAMP KESEM MORE THAN ONCE? Yes! We encourage children who attend a Camp Kesem program to grow the bonds they form by returning year after year.

DO KESEM PROGRAMS PROVIDE THERAPY? No. Our student leaders provide a warm and loving environment where children feel free to share their feelings with one another. Kesem's unique model and peer-based support has been clinically shown to play a critical role in enhancing the quality of life in families facing cancer, specifically their sense of well-being, belonging, and empowerment.*

WHERE DO I FIND A LOCAL CAMP?
Visit kesem.org

HOW DO I APPLY? Registration for new camp families opens in January and can be submitted online at kesem.org.

*Georgetown University, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center analysis of camp evaluation data (2021 - 2024).